

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Our surgery will be offering flu vaccination to patients at risk or aged over 65 years from October 2014 onwards in open clinics on the following dates:

Burbage Surgery

Saturdays 4 October, 18th October and 1st November 2014, **8.30 am to 11.30 am**

Sharnford Surgery

Tuesday 14th October 2014, **11.00 am**

Sapcote Surgery

Tuesday 14th October 2014, **12.00 pm**

Wolvey Surgery

Thursday 16th October 2014,
2.30 pm to 5.00 pm



If you would like a vaccination please attend a surgery convenient to you on one of the above dates. If you are unable to get to one of our open clinics, please contact reception and ask to make an appointment for a flu vaccination with our Practice Nurse. If you require vaccination but are unable to get into the surgery, please inform the Receptionist who will arrange for our nurse to visit you at home.

Staffing changes

Dr Mussa and Dr Saroja left the practice on 5th August 2014 having completed their GP training; we wish them both continued success in their GP careers. We have now been joined by Dr V Patel who will be with us until August 2015. Two of our long serving receptionists, Jenny Hall and Cherrill Vickers, have now retired from the practice; we wish them both a long and happy retirement. We would like to welcome Heather Rey and Rory Montgomery who have been appointed as Medicines Support Officers. We have also recently appointed Debbie Bates who will be working at the practice as a Nurse Practitioner. As well as providing general nursing duties, Debbie will be working alongside the Doctors in our Open Access Clinics, dealing with patients presenting with a minor illness. Further information will be available shortly.

Sadly, one of our Dispensers, Sandra Wise, passed away in June. Sandra was a very popular member of our surgery staff and she will be greatly missed by patients and colleagues. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.

Contact Details

Would patients please remember to notify the practice of any changes to contact details. It is important that we hold accurate details on our system at all times for patients.

Surgery Website

The surgery website has been revised with the help of members of our Patient Participation Group and will be published shortly. The website address will remain unchanged at www.burbagesurgery.co.uk

Patients should find the new website more informative and easier to navigate. We would like to thank the PPG for their support in developing the new website.



084 Telephone Number

Notice has been given to terminate the 084 telephone numbers. Patients should now be using the local numbers to contact the surgery. They are **01455 634879** for Burbage Surgery and **01455 220412** for Wolvey Surgery.



Shingles Vaccination Programme

NHS England has launched another Shingles Vaccination Programme that will run between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. This campaign will be aimed at patients aged 70, 78 and 79 years only. The practice will be contacting eligible patients shortly to invite them to attend for vaccination.

Meningitis C Vaccination Programme

A temporary meningococcal (MenC) freshers vaccination programme is being introduced to protect students attending university for the first time, who are at increased risk of contracting MenC disease because the disease can spread quickly where people live close to each other, e.g. in university halls of residence or shared accommodation. Eligible patients are those who are:

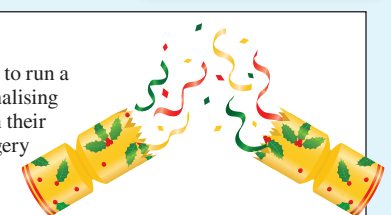
- **attending university/further education for the first time**
- **are aged from 17 to 25 at any time during the period between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015**
- **have not previously had any MenC vaccination since the age of ten**

Any student wishing to receive the vaccination should make an appointment with one of our practice nurses.



Christmas Raffle

Our Patient Participation Group are planning to run a Christmas Raffle and are in the process of finalising arrangements. Proceeds will be split between their nominated charity (to be confirmed) and surgery equipment. Raffle tickets will be on sale during Flu clinics and from Reception.



Self-Check In System

We now have a self-check in System in our reception area at the main surgery. This has been purchased for the surgery by our Patient Participation Group to whom we are most grateful. The self-check in system will allow any patient with a pre-booked appointment to book in to surgery on arrival rather than report to reception. If you are unsure how to use the System, please ask at Reception and one of our receptionists will assist you.

Clinical Trials

Clinical Trials of new medicines are often a way of offering patients brand new, not yet available treatments for different conditions. They are an essential way of testing the effectiveness of new medicines under close supervision. These new medicines will have been under development for several years and already tried by hundreds if not thousands of patients in earlier trials, so will be proven to be safe and effective. All of our trials are fully ethically approved, adhere to strict guidelines and are purely voluntary on the patients' part.

We are looking for volunteers to take part in COPD, Opioid induced Constipation, newly diagnosed Atrial Fibrillation and Irritable Bowel Syndrome studies. For more details or an informal chat about any of our important research studies, please contact Mick Walker, Study Co-ordinator, at the main surgery.

