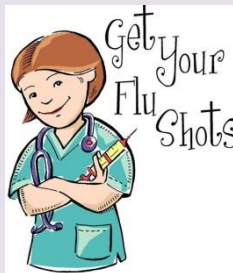


## FLU CLINIC – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Those eligible for seasonal influenza vaccines are:** All those aged 65 & over and All those aged 6 months & over and in one of the clinical groups listed below

**At risk clinical groups:**

Chronic respiratory disease including asthma	chronic Heart disease
Chronic renal failure	Heart failure
Immunosuppression	Diabetes
Chronic liver disease	Pregnant Woman
Some neurological conditions	Those in receipt of a carer's allowance
Those in long-stay residential care homes	



Appointments will be available for booking **after 5th September 2017**. You will be able to book online or please call the surgery on 01675 442510 after 11 am to book your place at the flu clinic. If you attend the luncheon club at Fentham Hall please do not book an appointment as we will be attending the lunch on that day and will vaccinate any patients that wish it.

### **Pneumococcal Vaccination:**

In addition to the flu vaccine we also offer the opportunity to be vaccinated against one of the types of pneumonia which may affect people as they get older. The Chief Medical Officer recommends anyone over 65 years of age should have this vaccine.

Unlike the yearly seasonal flu vaccine, the pneumococcal vaccine usually only needs to be administered once. It can be given at the same time as the flu vaccine so if you think you are eligible please mention this when booking your seasonal flu vaccination.

### **Other Vaccines available this autumn:**

**Children's Influenza** – Under the childhood seasonal vaccine programme we will be offering the vaccination to all those aged 2 and 3 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and will contact those within this cohort advising them of the clinic dates we will be running when the vaccine becomes available.

**Meningitis ACWY** - if you are aged 18 years on 31 August 2017, you are eligible to receive the Men ACWY vaccination. In addition to this group, if you are aged 25 years or under and starting university for the first time and have never received the Men ACWY vaccine, you should get the Men ACWY vaccination before you start university. Please contact the surgery to book an appointment by calling 01675 442510.

**Vaccination against pertussis (whooping cough)** for all pregnant women between 16 and 32 weeks gestation. Please call 01675 442510 to book an appointment with one of the practice nurses.

The practice is no longer accepting requests for repeat prescriptions over the phone. This is due to safety issues when requests are made and not heard or understood clearly.

You can reorder your repeat prescription by signing up to our online access, sending us a fax on 01675 443353 or by dropping your request in to the surgery. If we are closed then please post through the letter box in the back door. To sign up for online access collect a form from reception or go to our website <http://www.hamptonsurgery.co.uk/How-do-I/Online-Access>

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# Hampton Surgery August 2017

## What is a 'two week wait' appointment?

The 'two week wait' or 'urgent' appointment was introduced so that a specialist would see any patient with symptoms that ***might*** indicate cancer as quickly as possible. The two week wait appointment has been requested either by your GP or dentist.

## Why has my GP referred me?

GPs diagnose and treat many illnesses but sometimes they need to arrange for you to see a specialist hospital doctor

## Does this mean I have cancer?

Most of the time, it doesn't. Even though you are being referred to a specialist, **this does not necessarily mean that you have cancer**. More than 70% of patients referred with a 'two week wait' appointment do not have cancer.

## What should I do if I'm unable to attend an appointment in the next two weeks?

This is an important referral. Let your GP know immediately (or the hospital when they contact you) if you are unable to attend a hospital appointment within the next two weeks.

## What do I need to do now?

- Make sure that your GP has your correct address and telephone number, including your mobile phone number.
- The hospital will try to contact you by telephone to arrange an appointment. If they are not able to make telephone contact, an appointment letter will be sent to you by post.
- **Inform your GP surgery if you have not been contacted by the hospital within three working days** of the appointment with your GP.

As some hospitals have more than one site, your appointment may not be at the site closest to you to ensure you get seen in the soonest possible time.

It is important to remember that even though you will receive a 'two week wait' appointment, being referred to a specialist does not necessarily mean that you have cancer. Remember, 7 out of 10 patients referred this way do not have cancer.

August sees our Foundation Doctor and present GP Registrars move onto their next rotation or have passed all their GP requirements and go out in to the big wide world to become GP's so THANK YOU to Drs Al-Shammary, Bedi & Mukherjee, for all their hard work. Drs Hudson, Esufali, Das & Nawaz will be moving here for various lengths of placement during 2017/18 and we hope you will join with us to give them a warm welcome.

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