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HPV – changes to secondary school programme

Following new guidance from the JCVI, the number of doses of HPV immunisation has been reduced from 3 to 2, with a minimum of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose. See recent [CMO letter](#)

Please refer to the revised [Green Book](#) chapter for more details.

NB: Where a girl has started a 3-dose course of Gardasil®, and the 1st dose was given over the age of 15 yrs, the course should, where possible, be completed according to a vaccination schedule of 0, 1, 4-6 months.

To allow for preparation for the school flu immunisation programme during the month of September, HPV Immunisation will now be offered in Greater Glasgow and Clyde to S1 and S2 girls in January/February each year, commencing 2015; with DTP and Men C offered to S3 pupils in February/March.

Flu immunisation – changes to primary school programme

Following the success of last year's pilot school flu immunisation programme, all primary school children will be offered the flu vaccine as per [CMO 2014\(13\)](#) letter.

Within Greater Glasgow and Clyde, all primary school aged children, including those in clinical 'at risk' categories, will be offered Fluenz® Tetra (nasal spray) at school. For children who require a second dose, are absent on the day, have known contraindications or for faith reasons require an alternative injectable vaccine, separate arrangements have been made to invite these children to local community clinics. These will be by appointment only, coordinated by Public Health Protection Unit.

Vaccination certificates required for polio infected countries

On the 1st June 2014, the Pakistan Government began to implement the [WHO temporary recommendations](#) that require **all departing travellers who have spent more than 4 weeks in Pakistan to produce a valid vaccination certificate at the time of their departure**. Oral polio vaccine is being provided at various departure points, including Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar airports. Recipients are issued with a polio certificate and allowed to depart. Click on the [HPS](#) link to read advice for those travelling to polio-infected countries.

Immunoglobulin for chickenpox in pregnancy

Primary care staff should note the recent update to the NHSGGC [guidelines](#) governing the use of immunoglobulin in pregnant contacts of chickenpox cases.

Men C catch-up for university students under 25 years

Following recommendation from the JCVI, a vaccination programme against Men C for first-time university entrants under the age of 25 is being introduced from **1st August 2014**. This will be a time-limited catch-up programme that will run until the first cohort of S3 pupils, who received the adolescent booster dose of Men C in 2013, reach university age (2017). From 2017 onwards university entrants will have received a dose of Men C vaccine routinely as part of their adolescent booster vaccines. See [CMO letter June 2014](#)

It is important that eligible university entrants, including overseas students, receive vaccination **at least 2 weeks before they attend university** whenever possible to ensure a full immune response. Therefore it is expected that eligible students will attend their GP practice for vaccination from mid-August 2014. If required, GP Practices can opportunistically offer a booster dose of Men C vaccine before August 2014 to prospective students who are expecting to go to university in Autumn 2014. GP practices are not required to have sight of the notification from UCAS or confirmation of a university offer. When offering vaccinations opportunistically, Practices should confirm that they are eligible.

Where students are not vaccinated before leaving for university they can register with a new GP practice once they arrive and arrange to get the vaccine there as soon as possible, ideally in freshers' week and no later than 31st October 2014. If an individual seeks vaccination later than 31st October 2014 then GP practices should apply clinical judgement to assess the needs of the patient.

Recording vaccine administration

Where vaccines are presented as two components the batch number printed on the outer package of vaccines is the number to be recorded in medical records. This number incorporates details of all components of the final reconstituted vaccine. Priorix®, manufactured by Glaxo Smith Kline, has one batch number prefix C (representing the combined product) while the component freeze-dried vaccine component has a batch number containing the letter F and diluent containing the letter D.

As indicated in last month's newsletter Infanrix®-IPV+Hib and Pediacel® will both be available for primary immunisation. Infanrix®-IPV+Hib is presented as separate components and requires reconstitution and therefore the **batch number on the outer package** should be recorded in the records.

Immunisation Seminars Summer 2014

Immunisation staff should note the times, dates, and venues of this year's immunization-update seminars. Click on the links to book a place. The seminars are targeted at primary care staff, occupational health and midwifery staff.

Immunisation Programme Update - South, 27 August 1130-1400, Adelphi Centre, Room 2, 12 Commercial Rd, Gorbals, G5 0PQ [Immunisation Update South Tickets](#)

Immunisation Programme Update - Renfrew, 28 August 1130-1400 David Lloyd Centre, Arkleston Rd, Renfrew, PA4 0RA [Immunisation Update Renfrew Tickets](#)

Immunisation Programme Update - East, 3 September 1130-1400 Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale St, Dennistoun, G31 1QW [Immunisation Update East Tickets](#)

Immunisation Programme Update - West, 4 September 1130-1400, David Lloyd Centre, 242 Nethererton Rd, Anniesland, G13 1BJ [Immunisation Update West Tickets](#)

Immunisation Programme Update - Inverclyde, 9 September 1130-1400, Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Post Graduate Centre, Lecture Theatre, Larkfield Rd, Greenock, PA16 0XN [Immunisation Update Inverclyde Tickets](#)

Arrival of Boostrix® - IPV stocks

The PDC has now received stock of Boostrix®-IPV and will be issuing shortly. Existing stocks of Repevax® should be used up for either pregnant women or pre-school children (both covered in PGD), and it's expected that stock will be finished in a week or two. Please note that when stocks are depleted:

- Repevax® will no longer be available
- Boostrix®-IPV will be issued for pregnant women
- Infanrix®-IPV will be issued for pre-school booster requests.

Shingles Vaccination Programme

The first year of the shingles vaccination programme ends on 31st August 2014. The PHPU is aware that the temporary delay with deliveries of Zostavax® experienced in Autumn 2013 may have disrupted the first year of the programme. However, GPs are encouraged to continue to offer vaccination to all those who were aged 70 or 79 on 1st September 2013, until this date.

The expiry date of some of the earliest distributed stock is 30th September 2014 with subsequent batches of distributed stock have expiry dates ranging between October 2014 and April 2015. Please check all stock to ensure the vaccine with the shortest remaining shelf life is used first. Any stock that is not used in the first year can be used in the second year of the programme which will start on 1st September 2014. Further information on the second year of the programme can be found at [http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO\(2014\)21.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO(2014)21.pdf)

Posters for General Practices

Posters have been produced by Health Scotland for GP surgeries with the 2014 immunisation information. These are being sent centrally to GP practices with Flu packs and are also available for download if required. Links are listed below:

<http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/1459.aspx>

<http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/documents/1459.aspx>

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