

Ibstock and Barlestone Surgeries

Flu Vaccination Criteria Autumn/Winter 2015/16

Patients are eligible for an NHS flu jab if:

- on the 31st March 2016 they are 65 or above
- they are pregnant
- they are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if their carer falls ill (vaccination should be given at the GPs discretion)
- they are health and social care staff directly involved in patient care (vaccination should be given at the GPs discretion)
- they are six months and over to 64 and defined as 'at-risk' (see table below)
- they are a child aged 2, 3, or 4 on the 31st August 2015 (and then they are eligible for the nasal flu vaccination (this is a squirt up each nostril)).

The clinical 'at-risk' categories:

Clinical Risk Category	Examples of Conditions
Long term respiratory conditions including asthma	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Cystic fibrosis. Asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission.
Long term heart disease including those who've had heart attacks	Congenital heart disease, chronic heart failure, individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow-up for heart disease or heart attacks.
Long term kidney disease	Chronic kidney failure, or kidney transplants.
Long term liver disease	Cirrhosis or hepatitis.
Stroke and mini stroke patients	Stroke, transient ischaemic attack (TIA).
Diabetes	Type 1 or type 2 diabetics.
Immunosuppression	Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment. Patients undergoing chemotherapy or patients without a spleen or a spleen which doesn't work properly. HIV infection at all stages. Individuals treated with or likely to be treated with systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone 20mg or more per day (any age) or for children under 20kg a dose of 1mg or more per kg per day.