

Wychbury Medical Group September 2018 Newsletter

Influenza Vaccinations 2018/19:

As Flu season starts you may notice our promotional posters advising who is eligible for the flu vaccination. It is suggested that anyone over the age of 65 or patients with a long term condition should be vaccinated; it is also advised that children receive their free flu vaccination as well.

There are two types of vaccine this year; Adjuvanted (aTIV) specifically for age 65 and over, and Quadrivalent (QIV) for anyone under the age of 65 who is eligible.

We have been informed we must prioritise those aged 75 years and over and those aged 65-74 years with an underlying health condition at the start of the flu season.

Once these groups have been covered, all the other 65-74 year olds will be called as further deliveries of aTIV arrive.

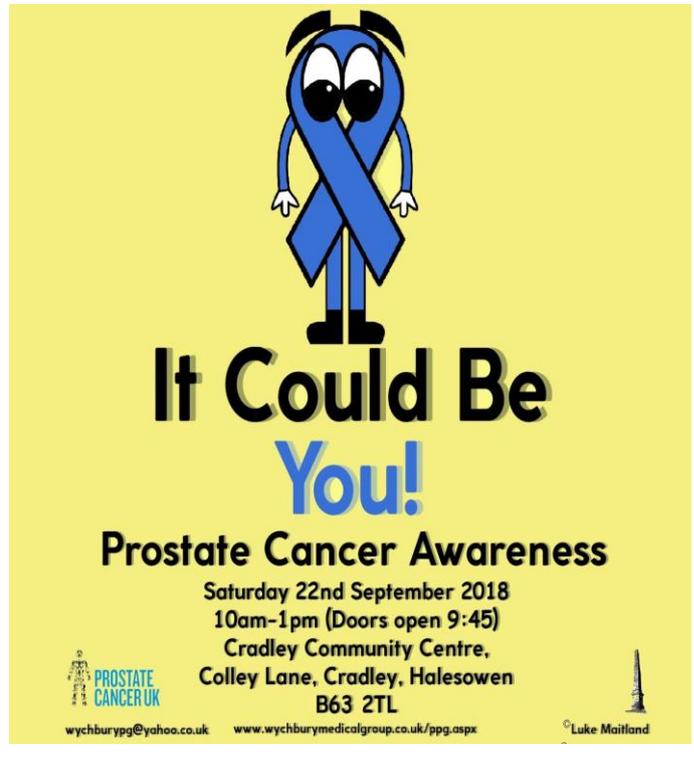
Flu usually starts from December onwards; therefore, people vaccinated in November or before should benefit from the vaccination protection.

We will be holding Saturday clinics for those who are unable to attend during normal surgery hours, as well as evening clinics.

If you are unsure if you are eligible to have a vaccination please ask at reception as they can advise you.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Event:

22nd September - Cradley Community Centre,
Colley Lane, Cradley, B63 2TL



The poster features a blue cartoon character with a large blue awareness ribbon around its neck. The text on the poster reads: "It Could Be You! Prostate Cancer Awareness Saturday 22nd September 2018 10am-1pm (Doors open 9:45) Cradley Community Centre, Colley Lane, Cradley, Halesowen B63 2TL". Logos for Prostate Cancer UK and Luke Maitland are visible at the bottom.

Wychbury Medical Group Facebook Page:

Wychbury Medical Group is happy to announce we now have an active Facebook page, please like / follow us on:

<https://www.facebook.com/WychburyMG>

For regular updates about the surgery, information on important changes and medical information posters.

Please note that our Facebook page is not an open forum and we will not be using it for comments and complaints; please contact the surgery for our policy.

Smear Awareness:

Cervical screening (or the smear test) is relevant for everyone aged 25-64 with a cervix.

Smear tests can save lives, it isn't the most pleasant test but it's simple and effective. If you are due or overdue, book an appointment with your nurse.

Please see our new Facebook page for a published information video.

Provision of Travel advice and vaccinations:

Please be aware if you are travelling abroad after 1st March 2018 the surgery will no longer provide prescriptions for malaria prophylactic drugs or give non NHS vaccines. Providing travel immunisations is not part of standard NHS services. However, we will provide Hepatitis A, Typhoid and Diphtheria Tetanus and polio vaccinations in line with our contract for NHS vaccine provision.

For non NHS travel vaccines or malaria prophylactic medication you need to attend a specialist travel service, these services are private and therefore subject to charges.

Please visit our website www.wychburymedicalgroup.co.uk or ask at reception for more information.

Staff Updates:

Wychbury Medical Group is very excited to welcome back our HCA Kay from her maternity leave.

We also have some new faces on our team, two new members of the reception team; Caroline Taylor and Emma Mayo, welcome to the team and we all look forward to working alongside you.

We are pleased to welcome two new Registrars, Dr P. Chima and Dr L. Minto, and new Salaried GP Dr P. Popat.