



Wickham Market Medical Centre WINTER NEWSLETTER 2009



Christmas and New Year Opening

Hours

Thursday 24th December, 8.00 am to 6.30 pm

Friday 25th December **CLOSED**

Monday 28th December **CLOSED**

Tuesday 29th December, 8.00 am to 6.30 pm

Wednesday 30th December, 8.00 am to 6.30 pm

Thursday 31st December, 8.00 am to 6.30 pm

Friday 1st January **CLOSED**

Monday 4th January, 8.00 am to 6.30 pm

Dispensary – Repeat Prescriptions

Please ensure you order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time to avoid a Christmas rush.

Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

Routine Blood Tests

To assist the practice over the busy Christmas period please can we ask patients not to book routine blood tests between Christmas and New Year

Flu Vaccinations

We have been holding our seasonal flu clinics throughout October and November

Although a vast number of patients have attended there are still a number of patients in the 'at risk' categories who have not yet booked for their vaccination. All patients over the age of 65 are eligible for this vaccine as well as patients in the

'at risk' groups which includes patients with chronic illnesses e.g. CHD, Asthma, Diabetes etc.

Please contact Reception as soon as possible with a view to booking yourself an appointment.

Swine Flu

All patients eligible for the swine flu vaccination will receive a letter from the practice. We are currently vaccinating pregnant women and patients under 65 with chronic illnesses.

Anyone who thinks they should have received a letter or if you have any doubt or question, please speak to Reception.

HPV Vaccinations

The nurses are running surgeries to immunise sixth form girls. They will receive 3 immunisations over six months, letters have already been sent out to these patients

Chlamydia Screening

Reminder that Chlamydia screening is available for the under 25 year olds, please book an appointment with the nurse

Staff

Nadine Bickers has joined the practice on an apprenticeship scheme within the Dispensary Team.



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Missed Appointments

In the period from 1st September to 23rd November 2009 the following appointments were not attended:

Rendlesham

103 appointments which amount to over 16 hours of wasted appointment time.

Wickham Market

401 appointments which amount to over 66 hours of wasted appointment time.

Please could all patients call the surgery to cancel or re-arrange appointments that they are unable to attend.

Patient Group

If patients have any issues or suggestions that they feel are appropriate for the group to discuss please contact one of the group members as listed below:

Practice Representatives:

Jane Wallace
Jayne Casey

Patient Representatives:

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Future Newsletters

If anyone would like to receive this newsletter electronically by email please contact Jasmin Bowers on jasmin.bowers@gp-d83061.nhs.uk

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all patients a very healthy and happy Christmas and New Year!

