Annual Flu Clinics

It's that time of year again (where does time go?) when we will be inviting eligible patients to attend for their annual flu immunization.

This year we are holding clinics on Saturday 10th October and Saturday 7th November.

Letters are being sent out over the next week to eligible patients. Please make an appointment to attend one of our clinics for your free flu immunization.

Children aged 2—6 years Flu Immunisation

This year the government have extended their children's' flu immunization programme. We will be holding separate clinics for eligible children to receive their flu Immunisation.

We will be writing to all eligible children with the dates of these clinics before the end of September.
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

We meet for one hour every two months at the surgery, the next meeting date will be displayed on the noticeboard in the waiting room. All patients registered with the practice are welcome.

Details on the work of the Middleway Patient Participation Group are available from the chairman, Mr Stuart Hunkin on 01726 813440.

Shingles Vaccination

Patients whose date of birth falls within the following dates are eligible for a shingles vaccination this year:

2 September 1935—1st September 1937
2 September 1942—1 September 1945

We will be holding clinics in the New Year and will write to all eligible patients advising of the dates of these. In the meantime we do have a small amount of stock should you wish to have your vaccination earlier.

Please contact the Practice and make an appointment with the Nurse, stating its for a shingles vaccination so that we can check we have one available.
We are very pleased to welcome Melanie Barry to our Practice. Melanie is an Emergency Care Practitioner (ECP).

Melanie is a fully qualified Nurse who has undertaken enhanced training in Minor Illness and Minor Injuries to become an ECP. She has previously worked for the Ambulance Service as well as the Minor Injuries Unit in Bodmin and therefore has a great deal of experience in treating patients with emergency, urgent, acute and chronic illness/injuries on a daily basis.

Working alongside the GPs, an ECP is able to assess and treat patients with a wide range of undiagnosed acute illnesses.

Patients can make an appointment to see Melanie if they are suffering with an acute illness, such as:

- Chest infections,
- New onset abdominal pain
- New onset back pain
- Rashes (new onset)
  - Earache
  - Sore throats
- Urine infections
- Skin infections

Melanie will also be assisting with the telephone triage for patients who require an “on the day” appointment to ensure that they are seen by the most appropriate Clinician.

Please note that patients with a Minor Injury should still attend St Austell Hospital Minor Injury Unit in the first instance.
Staff Changes

Myra, our Receptionist, has left us for pastures new. Myra will be missed by both staff and patients alike and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the future.

Claudia will be joining us shortly. Claudia will be covering Reception whilst Katie is on maternity leave. Claudia has worked at the Practice previously and is an experienced Receptionist.

Niki will also be joining our team as a Receptionist. Niki has worked in a busy GP Practice previously and I am sure will be a great asset to our Team.

Named GP

All patients registered with the Practice are allocated a named GP. If you do not know who your named GP is please ask the Receptionists who will be happy to help you.

Embracing new Technology

You can now book appointments, order prescriptions and review information that we hold regarding you allergies online via “the waiting room”. In order to use this service you need to register by giving us your email address. For security every patient wanting to use this service needs their own email address. We cannot accept one email address per couple/ family.

This service will be expanded in the future.