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ICARS Newsletter

Please find attached the fortnightly ICARS newsletter.

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) PGD

The updated UKSHA LAIV PGD has now been published and is available here (please scroll down to the seasonal flu section): <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-patient-group-direction-pgd>.

Before staff use this, your organisation should ensure that those members of staff have signed section 7, and that this has been counter-signed by an authorising manager.

Note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation for administration or supply of prescription-only medicines by a [limited number](#) of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

Shingles vaccination programme changes: webinar recording and new resources available

The recording of the UKHSA recently hosted webinar detailing the changes to the shingles programme due to take effect from 1 September 2023 is now available: [Link for webinar recording \(18 July, 10-11.30\)](#).

Further resources to support the programme changes have also been published and are available as follows:

- [Updated Green Book Chapter 28a](#)
- [Updated Healthcare Professional Guidance](#)
- [Updated training slide set for healthcare professionals](#)

The Shingles PGDs have been updated to incorporate the programme changes with effect from 1 September 2023, are also now live:

- **Shingrix PGD v2.00:** [Shingles vaccine \(Shingrix®\): patient group direction \(PGD\) template - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Zostavax PGD v11.00:** [Shingles vaccine \(Zostavax®\): patient group direction \(PGD\) template - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

New HPV PGD authorised for NHS medical practices in the South West of England

Your team can now download a new Patient Group Direction (PGD) that has been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Before staff use this, your organisation should ensure that those members of staff have signed section 7, and that this has been counter-signed by an authorising manager.

Note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation for administration or supply of prescription-only medicines by a [limited number](#) of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

One new PGD has been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) PGD V6.00 (Gardasil® 9) – **valid from 1 September 2023** for the administration of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to individuals from 12 years of age or from school year 8 and aged less than 25 years in accordance with the national immunisation programme *in accordance with the Green Book (Chapter 18a) and HPV vaccination guidance for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)* [Updated 20 June 2023].

Changes from V5:00:

- change to one-dose schedule for the routine HPV immunisation programme
- update the eligible cohorts on Page 1, clinical condition and criteria for inclusion
- add use of Gardasil® 9 in pregnancy in off-label and special consideration sections and amend exclusion and actions to be taken sections accordingly
- add one dose schedule in off-label section
- add use of mixed schedule in off-label section
- update criteria for exclusion
- remove 2 doses schedule from dose and frequency
- remove Gardasil® throughout the document as it has been discontinued and has not been used since July 2022 in the programme

- include facilities for management for anaphylaxis statement in cautions section for consistency
- add statement for separate order lines for gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) and adolescent HPV programmes on ImmForm
- add advice to be given if fainting occurs in patient advice
- add accessible information in written information section
- update reference section
- include minor rewording of standard text, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with organisation change, gateway requirements and other UKHSA PGDs
- amend NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) to NHSE following completion of merger on 1 July 2022.

Please ensure you share all PGDs included in this bulletin with the appropriate staff in your practice.

Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vast team at england.swvast@nhs.net. Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website [here](#). **Please note that if there are no items for your information a GP Bulletin will not be circulated.**