

Chipping Campden Surgery Newsletter March 2023

Flu Vaccinations

We are still offering flu vaccinations at the surgery for eligible patients until the end of March.

The vaccine hub at Moreton has closed and the NHS covid booster offer also ended nationally on 12th February.

Patient participation group

If you would like to sign up to the patient participation group, please complete the form on the practice website or ask at reception. We will be holding the annual meeting on 4th April at 6 30pm at a venue in the town and will be sending invites to the group members soon with requests for priorities and confirming attendance. Our new Clinical Pharmacist will be in attendance, along with a GP and the Patient group Chair and surgery staff.

Reminders

Urine samples

Please ensure urine samples are brought to the surgery ideally before lunchtime and in the afternoon before 4pm.

Contact numbers

Please inform us if you have changed address or mobile telephone numbers so that we have the correct details.

Confidentiality

A reminder that reception staff cannot discuss medical information, including appointments or test results, for other patients unless we have documented written consent by the patient on our records. This includes all patients aged over 16.

Dispensary

Telephone orders and queries re medication can be made between 11am-12pm and 2pm – 3pm each weekday.

The dispensary is open between 9am – 1 30pm and 2pm – 5 30pm for queries or collecting prescriptions in person.

Alternatively, orders can be made online via the NHS app or Systmone online facilities – please allow a minimum of 4 working days due to ongoing supply issues obtaining medications.

If you order or collect your prescriptions from a pharmacy rather than the surgery dispensary, please ensure you know their individual processes and turnaround times as these may vary.

Private prescriptions – if you have been given a private prescription from your consultant, the GP's will need a letter from your private consultant detailing the medication and also confirming that you are being monitored appropriately before the surgery can issue any requested NHS prescriptions for this medication.

Blood pressures

We have been working with Campden pharmacy to offer patients who have not had their blood pressure checked in the last 5 years to obtain a reading from the pharmacy, who will then inform us for your records. If you have a home BP machine, please also send us your readings so that we can also add this to your notes.

Medication Blister pack recycling

We now have a recycling box in the surgery for our dispensary patients to dispose of empty blister packs from used medication packages.