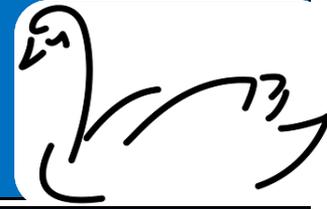


PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

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Patient Participation Group Meetings

The PPG is a group of patients and practice staff who meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services offered by the Practice.

Please join us for our next meeting at the Health Centre, Bradford on Avon, at 7pm Tuesday 5th December 2017 - Arthritis Talk



Men ACWY vaccine (meningitis vaccination)

University students

Students going to university or college for the first time, including overseas and mature students, who have not yet had the Men ACWY vaccine remain eligible up to their 25th birthday. They should contact the Surgery to have the Men ACWY

NHS
Public Health England
Born between 1 September 1998 and 31 August 1999
Leaving school or college?
Whatever you do next, get your
MenACWY vaccine
Getting the MenACWY vaccine from your GP practice and knowing the symptoms of meningitis could
save your life

Flu vaccination clinic dates

Don't let the flu sneak up on you!

Flu vaccinations are available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children at risk of flu and its complications.

Child flu Vaccinations can be booked from the 30th September



Catch up clinics will be provided at a later date for patients unable to attend the following clinics.

8.30am—12.30pm At The Health Centre

Saturday 23rd September
Saturday 30th September
Saturday 14th October
Saturday 4th November

8.30am—12.30pm At Winsley Surgery

Friday 22nd September
Friday 6th October
Friday 27th October

8.30am—12.30pm At St Damian's Surgery

Saturday 23rd September
Saturday 14th October



For more information on who is entitled, pick up the National patient leaflet:

The Flu Vaccination Winter 2017/18 - 'Who should have it and why'

New Telephone system now installed in the Practice

The new telephone system has now been installed at BOA & Winsley Health Centre plus St. Damian's Surgery in Melksham. Since the 'go live' date we understand from patient feedback that there are current difficulties accessing these lines which we have fed back to our telephone provider. We apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result and thank you for your patience. Please be assured that any new feedback is gratefully received and helps us to improve our services.





FLU – PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Surgery wins Carers Gold Award



Since 2011 the Surgery has been working closely with Carer Support Wiltshire & Wiltshire Council to help raise awareness of Carers and to create a new Wiltshire Investors in Carers Award. We believe that supporting Carers is an important part of general medical services as Carers are three times more likely to suffer ill health compared to non-carers.



This is a wonderful achievement for the practice, a huge well done to Hayley Holland (Carers Representative) and the team who provide the carers health checks.

Practice news! Please welcome the following new Doctors to the Practice



Dr Caroline Botley



Dr Brian Devlin



Dr Paul Thorne



Dr Tom Salter

Experienced Paramedic's join the team



Neil Murphy & Donna Hodge are experienced paramedic's and will be working within the 'Transforming Care for Older People Team' based at St. Margaret's Surgery.

They will be visiting patients in the Melksham and Bradford on Avon areas, who are unable to come to the Health Centres.

This is a new role for the practice and has been huge success in our neighbouring practices.



Welcome New registrars Dr Bronte Vidni & Dr Rebecca Atkinson



The registrars are qualified doctors who, having chosen general practice as their career, receive relevant postgraduate training in hospital specialities and then spend time at our practice in order to hone their skills further.

Registrars are supervised by us throughout the 3 year training period and are attached to the practice for 4 to 18 months depending on the stage of their training.

