

Carronbank Medical Practice Newsletter

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On-line repeat prescription ordering

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO ORDER YOUR REPEAT PRESCRIPTION ON-LINE.

Repeat prescriptions can now be ordered via [Patient Access](#). This is the same system we use for on-line appointment booking. The system is safe as it is linked directly to your clinical record at the Practice, and therefore the medication list is always up-to-date and accurate. If you are not already registered for this service, please see the receptionist for a registration form then visit our website www.carronbank.co.uk

Items that do not appear on your repeat list should continue to be ordered in your usual way.

We will continue to deliver your prescription to your chosen pharmacy, or keep it here at the surgery for you to collect but you must ensure that you advise us using the freetext box at the time of ordering. If you do not notify us of your chosen destination the prescription will be sent to the same place as the previous occasion.

You can also order your prescription and make appointments via a Smart Phone App. This can be downloaded via www.patient.co.uk/accessapp. Please note that the app cannot be used to create a User ID so the first time you log in to Patient Access this should be done on a PC or laptop.

Flu vaccinations

The dates for this year's flu clinics are:

Wednesday 2 nd October	2.00pm – 4.45pm
Wednesday 9 th October	2.00pm – 4.45pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	2.00pm – 4.45pm
Saturday 9 th November	8.30am – 10.30am

All those eligible to have the vaccination will be sent an invitation letter. All children aged 2 – 3 years will be invited this year and all those under 17 years will be given a nasal vaccination.

Shingles vaccinations

The shingles vaccine (also known as herpes zoster) will be offered to all patients who are aged 70 and 79 years. Shingles can be a very painful nerve and skin condition and is common among older people. The vaccine can reduce the chance of getting shingles, or, if you do get shingles, it can reduce how severe or long lasting the symptoms can be.

The vaccinations are likely to start in the New Year and appointments will be available. Eligible patients should look out for more information nearer the time.

Bowel screening

All men and women aged 50 -74 will be invited for bowel screening every 2 years. One in 20 people over 50 years of age will get bowel cancer at some point in their lives. Screening aims to find bowel cancer at an early stage in people with no symptoms. The screening test looks for hidden blood in the bowel motion, as this may suggest a higher chance of bowel cancer. There have been patients of this practice whose bowel cancer was detected this way so we encourage everyone who has been sent the screening test to return the sample as soon as possible. If you have any concerns about the test or are experiencing symptoms you are worried about please speak to your GP.

Breast screening

Women aged 50 – 70 will soon be invited to attend for screening at the mobile unit, which will be situated in Sainsbury's car park from 17th September. Women over 70 will not be invited but can request an appointment by phoning the screening centre on 0131 537 7400. Screening is not available for women under 50. Anyone concerned about breast problems should speak to their GP or practice nurse.

Staff news

We have said goodbye to Dr Catriona McPhail who has completed her GP training and Gary at reception. We welcome our 2 new GP trainees, Dr Colette Williams and Dr Steven Lewis and Ashley & Nikki join the reception team. We also welcome back Nicola to reception, who has returned after the birth of her 3rd girl.



Dr Colette Williams



Dr Steven Lewis



Ashley Howie



Nikki O'Donnell

Wear it pink day

On Friday 25th October the doctors and staff will be wearing pink to support the Breast Cancer Campaign. There will be a collection box at reception for any donations and we thank you in advance for any received.

Facebook

We now have a facebook page for the surgery. We already keep many patients up to date with any changes within the surgery and post useful health related links. It also gives you the chance to pass on any comments to us. Find us at:

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