

Newhall Surgery Newsletter

SYSTEM CHANGES



To keep you updated with our computer system changeover...

GO LIVE DAY IS 20TH NOVEMBER 2009.

We are now only days away from going live on the new system. All staff are currently being trained, we have trainers on site after the go live date to assist in the changeover process. As you are aware we issued double prescriptions to ensure patients had enough medication to cover them through this changeover period. Limited appointments will be available now until we go live on the 20th November.

SWINE FLU INJECTIONS



We have received a small delivery of vaccines. Letters have been sent to the vulnerable groups as described by the Department of Health. For further information regarding swine flu log on to www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu. Further letters will be sent as and when the vaccines become available. Unfortunately the media has given the impression GP Surgeries have all the vaccines on site, however this is not the case.

Remember seasonal flu is different to swine flu. If you are entitled to a seasonal flu jab please ensure you have it.

DONATIONS



The Surgery has recently bought a cautery machine and a vaccine approved cool bag to carry flu vaccines. The cautery machine allows the GP's to remove skin lesions or skin tags without the need for patients being referred to the hospital. The flu bag will allow the nurses and district nurses to transport seasonal flu vaccines to housebound patients at the correct temperature.

FLOORING



You may have noticed the carpets in many of the GP/Nursing rooms have been removed. We are replacing the carpet with vinyl. The vinyl is hygienic and easy to clean. The next area is the corridor and the carpet has just been removed. Due to the area involved and the corridor's continual use in the week, the replacement will be phased over a couple of weekends so please bear with us.

STAFF NEWS



Halloween fancy dress. The surgery took the opportunity of having a dress down day and if you were in the surgery you may have been greeted by a witches coven. All involved enjoyed the day. The best witch received a bottle of bubby from the GP's.



Dr Evans will be leaving the Surgery on the 17th December. Dr Evans is leaving us to continue her studies in palliative care. Palliative care is the active holistic care of patients with advanced progressive illness, such as terminal cancer. Dr Evans will be involved in ensuring the best quality of life for patients and their families. We would like to thank Dr Evans for her commitment to her patients and the Surgery and wish her well for the future.



Donna Bancroft, HCA will be leaving the Surgery at the end of January to undertake her nurse training. We would like to wish Donna well in her new studies and you never know we may see Donna again when she is a qualified nurse.