

Newsletter

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March News

End Mad March with your Flu Vaccine.

It has been mad March in Adelaide and for most people it followed a frantic February. It has been no different for us here at Uraidla Family Practice, hence I am getting to the practice news half way through the month.

Autumn means Flu Vaccine time. We will have the private vaccines available from the beginning of next week beginning Monday 25th March. The price here will be \$16.50. That will be all you will pay as the visit will be bulk billed.

We have been advised that the free Government provided vaccines, for those who are eligible, will be available late April. These are for people over 65 and for those with chronic conditions as determined by your doctor. A good reason to have your flu vaccine with your local G.P.

There is much discussion about having your flu shot early to boost your immunity as the flu season hits or if you should wait until later because the immunity diminishes after about three months. No one knows when the worst of the flu season will be. With people travelling throughout the world we see cases of flu all year round. In past years we have seen Adelaide's worst the flu season as early as April and as late as August.

Last year, however, there was a shortage of vaccines towards the latter months and some people missed out completely when they needed it.

Please ring for an appointment to have your vaccine and remember we are open most evenings to accommodate working families.



Short month of April

For us April is a short month with public holidays over Easter weekend and Anzac Day. We will be closed on the public holidays but open on Easter Saturday. Dr Indy Kundu will work that day.

Dr Cindy Say will be away on leave from the 8th April up to and including the 19th April.

To overcome the shortage of available appointments we will be open later as needed in the evenings. Dr Peter Schultz will be covering Monday evenings. Dr Cindy Say will be working Tuesdays and the other doctors will cover while she is away. Dr Indy Kundu will do Wednesdays and Thursdays. Of course we are always open Saturday mornings as well.

New Staff Member

There will be a new face at the desk from the 1st April 2019. Jess will be joining the reception team. Jess is a very experienced medical receptionist and I am sure you will find her to be as efficient and friendly as the rest of our wonderful staff.

Accreditation

We are to go through the accreditation process again this year. This starts about now even though we are not due to be assessed until the end of the year. This time we will be assessed against the RACGP fifth standards. As is the way with all these processes, changes in standards mean changes for us in the way we do things

We will keep you informed if it also means changes for you, the patient. The staff will be asking for an update of your details in the coming months so that we can be confident our records are accurate.



Recalls and Reminders.

Our medical software package has a facility which enables us to send recalls and reminders for various checks and follow ups for our patients. This facility would have been brought to your attention when you initially registered as a new patient.

These reminders are put into the system by the doctors or the practice nurse at the time of your consultation and they consider them to be an important aspect of your continuity of care. They are also a good way for you to remember when you are due for any type of medical check. Time does fly and with our busy lives it is not always easy to remember. Before you know it you are way overdue for something which could really be important.

At the time of registration you may have ticked the “no” box for reminders. Please know that you can change this at any time by speaking to the staff or your doctor.

We do only send out one reminder and it is up to you to act on it. The system does not send a follow up. If you have given us your email address, the reminder will be sent via email. If not it will be sent by post..

