

November 2023 **PATIENT AND CARERS NEWSLETTER**

NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service

This service is only for patients aged over 1 year.			
CONDITIONS	What conditions are SUITABLE for referral to community pharmacists?		
SEASONAL SPRING SUMMER	Hayfever Bee sting Wasp sting	Stings with Minor Redne	ess or Minor Swelling
GYNAE THRUSH	Vaginal discharge Vaginal Itch or Soreness	UTI (Women aged 16 – 65 years with two of the following: Dysuria (Painful / discomfort / burning with urination) New nighttime urination (nocturia) Cloudy urine	
EYE	Conjunctivitis / Stick Eye, Eyelid Problems / Watery	Runny Eyes / Dry Eyes	Sore Tired Eyes Red or Irritable
EAR	Earache / Ear Wax / Blocked Ear /	General hearing Problems	
GASTRIC or BOWEL	Constipation Diarrhea Nausea / Vomiting	Indigestion Hemorrhoids Rectal Pain	Heartburn Infant Colic
PAIN	Acute pain Ankle or foot pain Hip pain or Swelling Knee or leg pain	Lower back pain Lower limb pain Headache or migraine Shoulder pain	Sprains and Strains Thigh or buttock Wrist, hand, or finger pain
SKIN	Acne, spots or pimples Athlete's foot Blisters on foot Dermatitis/ dry skin Hair loss	Nappy rash Oral thrush Rash – allergy Ringworm/threadworm	Scabies Skin dressings Skin rash Warts/verrucae Wound problems
MOUTH THROAT SEASONAL	Cold sore blisters Flu-like symptoms Hoarseness Cold sores	Mouth ulcers Sore mouth Sore throat Flu-like symptoms	Oral thrush Teething Toothache Sore throat
AUTUMN WINTER	Cold sores Coughs Congested, blocked or runny nose	Constant need to clear their throat	

Please refer to "How can I manage my common infection via the link below which is on our website. It explains about how long to expect symptoms to last, what you can do to help yourself and what and when antibiotics can be prescribed for:

https://cleevelandsmedicalcentre.org.uk/practice_news/managing-commoninfection/



NHS APP

Using the APP means you can do the following:

See Test Results

See your medical record

Order repeat medications

Cancel Appointments

Carers Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 21st November 2pm to 4pm, here at the surgery.

All our registered carers are invited but spaces are limited – so please book.

We will have Age UK coming to support. Plus, staff from the practice and the PPG to host.

A hamper raffled.



You Asked We Actioned

Q: Can you do more to stop appointments being wasted by patients who do not attend or fail to cancel or rearrange.

A: To date our approach has been via general communication and appealing to people and explaining the importance of not wasting appointments.

When a patient doesn't attend an appointment, a code is automatically added to their record.

Unfortunately, people are continuing to not attend, and we are having to invest time calling people.

In line with NHS policy patients who continue to not attend will receive a letter from the surgery highlighting the number of their missed appointments.

Last call for Flu Jabs. We have added a two Flu Clinics. Wednesday 8th and 15th November. Please call to book in. We also have a drop in service Mon to Fri 10.00 to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm. 3,000 people died in England and Wales in December 2022 from Flu.



2023 Christmas Appeal:

https://www.ccp.org.uk/appeal/hamper-scamper-2023

The surgery is helping by acting as a collection point, to find out more please see the link and you can bring any donations into the surgery by Tuesday 28th November.