

6 April 2011

Wheatbelt  
GP Network



Building healthy communities through General Practice.

## 2011 Influenza Vaccination Orders

A reminder that 2011 Influenza Vaccines are now available for distribution to Practices. If you have not already ordered yours, please do so now on the order form (faxed to practices on 4 March 2011).

Three Influenza vaccine brands will be available for use this year. Fluvax (CSL), Influvac (Abbott) and Vaxigrip (Sanofi), as detailed in the table below.

### 2011 INFLUENZA VACCINE

- Fluvax (CSL) – for use only in persons  $\geq$  5yrs 10 pack
- Vaxigrip (Sanofi) – for all ages 10 pack  
(use 0.25ml in children  $\geq$  6mths <3yrs)
- Influvac (Abbott) – for all ages 10 pack  
(use 0.25ml in children  $\geq$  6mths <3 yrs)
- Vaxigrip Jnr (Sanofi) – for use in persons  $\geq$  6months < 3yrs single doses

Please dispose of any 2010 influenza stock in your fridge now in order to avoid confusion with the 2011 vaccines. All stock destroyed needs to be reported to Anne Foyer from WACHS via the wastage report form (faxed to practices on 4 March 2011).

Please ensure that your cold chain processes are maintained throughout this busy period. If you require assistance with this, please don't hesitate to contact Gabi on 9621 1530.

## Supervision of an Enrolled Nurse

It is a requirement of registration for an Enrolled Nurse (EN) to be supervised by a Registered Nurse (RN). Supervision of an EN by an RN can be direct or indirect. The RN does not need to be on the premises at all times but there needs to be established a formal process for the supervision.

Supervision when there are both registered and enrolled nurses employed in a general practice is easy to prove. The RN must be aware that she has a supervisory role and there must be protocols in place for when the RN is not on site.

Where there is no RN employed by the general practice then other arrangements need to take place to ensure supervision by an RN. The first thing to take into consideration is that the RN who is doing the supervising must have knowledge of the context of General Practice. They must also have knowledge of the EN competencies and how that relates to general practice.

The Practice should have a formal agreement with the supervising RN. This agreement needs to cover the protocols of how the supervision will be undertaken, how often contact will occur, who is indemnifying the RN for their supervision of the EN and any remuneration that may be given. Some practices employ the RN on a casual basis and have them come in once a month for an hour or so to meet with the EN and have a protocol of the nurse being available by phone in between times. They may pay a nominal amount per week for that phone contact.

It is important for the RN to establish the EN is competent and that they are happy to provide indirect supervision. The RN may work with the EN for a week or several days spread over a few weeks to establish satisfaction with the level of competence of the EN.

A log should be kept of any contact by both the RN and the EN and can be signed off at the monthly meetings and any further issues discussed.

A free downloadable PDF version of the 4th edition standards is available from the RACGP website [www.racgp.org.au/standards](http://www.racgp.org.au/standards).

## FREE Visiting Specialists for Aboriginal Patients

### Dr Tony Mylius Cardiologist

#### Merredin

Location: Primary Health  
Dates: 6 May 2011  
2nd date TBA

#### Moora

Location: Moora Hospital  
Date: 2 June 2011

#### Northam

Location: WAHS Building  
Date: 24 June 2011

Referrals should be directed to:

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### Dr David Harley Endocrinology

#### Moora

Location: Primary Health  
Date: 7 June 2011

#### Northam

Location: WAHS Building  
Date: 17 June 2011

## Further Information

#### Northam

Wheatbelt Aboriginal  
Health Service (WAHS)  
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#### Merredin

Suzann Franklin on  
9041 0444

#### Moora

Angela Humphrey on  
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