

FLU IMMUNISATION CRITERIA FOR 2011

Clinical Risk Category	Examples (decision based on clinical judgement)
All over 65's	
Chronic Respiratory Disease <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> Asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, interstitial lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis and bronchopulmonary dysplasias (BPD) ❖ Children who have previously been admitted to hospital for lower respiratory tract disease
Chronic Heart Disease Aged six months and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Congenital heart disease ❖ Hypertension with cardiac complications ❖ Chronic Heart Failure ❖ Individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow up for ischaemic heart disease
Chronic Kidney Disease Aged six months and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5 ❖ Chronic kidney failure ❖ Nephrotic Syndrome ❖ Kidney Transplantation
Chronic Liver Disease Aged six months and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cirrhosis ❖ Biliary Arterias ❖ Chronic Hepatitis
Chronic Neurological Disease Aged six months and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stroke ❖ Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) Conditions in which respiratory function may be compromised (eg polio syndrome sufferers) ❖ Clinicians should consider on an individual basis the clinical needs of patients including individuals with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and related or similar conditions; or hereditary and degenerative disease of the nervous system or muscles; or severe neurological disability
Diabetes Aged six months and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Type 1 Diabetes ❖ Type 2 Diabetes requiring insulin or oral hypoglycaemic drugs ❖ Diet controlled diabetes
Immunosuppression Aged six months and over (some immunosuppressed patients may have a suboptimal immunological response to the vaccine) Coeliac disease Patients who completed chemo 6 months ago or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Due to disease or treatment ❖ Patients undergoing chemotherapy leading to immunosuppression ❖ Asplenia or splenic dysfunction ❖ HIV infection <p>Individuals treated with or likely to be treated with systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mg or more per day (any age) or for children under 20kg a dose of 1mg or more per kg per day.</p> <p>Consideration should also be given to individuals who expect to share living accommodation, meaning close contact is unavoidable.</p>
Those living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities	This does not include prisons, young offenders institutions, university halls of residence etc.
Carers	Those in receipt of allowance or where the person will be at risk if the carer falls ill
All pregnant women in any stage of pregnancy	