

ST MARTINS GATE SURGERY

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FLU CAMPAIGN - SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Summer may not be over yet, but work is already underway at the Practice for this years flu clinics! The practice is holding a flu clinic on **Saturday 1st October starting at 9am**

****IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FLU VACCINE, YOU CAN NOW BOOK YOUR VACCINE ONLINE****

Please see below if you match any of the eligible criteria for a flu vaccination.

- Pregnant patients
- Asthma / COPD
- Diabetes
- Chronic diseases such as heart or kidney disease
- Registered carers
- 65 and over



Please help us to help you by booking in for your seasonal flu vaccination. If you are still unsure as to whether you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact the surgery on 01905 363351.

For patients who find it difficult to attend the main surgery, there will be a Flu Clinic held at St.Peter's on 10th October from 9:30am.

If you are unable to attend our Flu Saturday, please note that other flu clinics will be available at a later date.

If you require information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language please let us know. You can speak with Reception; contact us on 01905 363351 or email stmartinsgate@nhs.net



Please note that we have a practice fire alarm every Wednesday at approximately 2pm.



St. Martin's Gate Surgery has been a teaching practice for many years and we accept medical students on a day release from Birmingham University. Some of these students will be in their first year and the attachment to the practice will give them an early introduction to the role of the General Practitioner. We ask our patients if they would be willing to help attend some of the teaching sessions. If you are willing to spare an hour or two of your time for students to practice their clinical skills i.e. Checking blood pressure and taking a pulse etc, please ask at Reception for further information and complete the form provided. If you have previously put your name forward to help with the students, please could you complete a new form this year so we have your up-to-date contact details.

This is of course, entirely voluntary, but we hope this will provide a rewarding experience in the knowledge that you are helping to train our future doctors.

Patient Participation Group

Please don't forget that our Patient Participation Group are still holding their drop in sessions. These are a great way to get your opinion across on how we can improve our services to benefit you the patient.

Why not pop in, say hello and see if they can help in any way. They are available in reception to speak to you on the following dates:

Friday 2nd September 2-5pm	Wednesday 7th September 9-12am (St. Peter's)
Thursday 8th September 9-12am	Monday 12th September 2-5pm
Tuesday 13th September 2-5pm	Monday 19th September 9-12am
Wednesday 21st September 2-5pm	Wednesday 28th September 9-12am (St. Peter's)
Thursday 29th September 2-5pm	

**No Need to Knock
Come on In!**

Please remember to allow 48 hours for prescriptions to be ready for collection.

N.B - For repeat prescriptions at St. Peter's and Bank Holidays please allow 72 hours. The timetable below does not include Bank Holidays and weekends.

If you are ordering a prescription through a Pharmacy, please allow time for the pharmacy to also process this order. Check with your local chemist for these times.

BEFORE 10:30AM	READY 3PM	AFTER 10:30AM	READY 3PM
Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday

SAMPLE

Please remember when giving in samples to Reception to ensure your name and date of birth, is on or handed in with the sample, along with the requesting clinician if you know this. If a clinician asks you to provide a sample but does not provide you with a sample pot, these are available from the Reception Desk.

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Free NHS Health Check
Helping you prevent heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease and dementia