



Survey of HIV clinic activity in relation to seasonal flu vaccination

Annual seasonal influenza (flu) vaccination is recommended for adults with HIV infection. 2008 BHIVA guidelines proposed a target of 95% for offer of annual flu vaccine to all individuals with HIV. In the 2015 BHIVA audit of routine monitoring, 21.1% of audited patients had received flu vaccine and a further 36.2% had been advised to obtain this from a GP.

This survey seeks information on the role of HIV specialist clinical services in enabling adults with HIV to access annual seasonal flu vaccine, to identify good practice which can be shared.

There are 9 questions in this survey

Your service's activity related to flu vaccine

[] Which of the following best describes your clinic's provision in terms of annual seasonal flu vaccine for people with HIV?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- We routinely offer flu vaccination in the HIV clinic to HIV positive patients
- We encourage HIV positive patients to attend elsewhere for flu vaccination, but stock some vaccine for those who are unable or unwilling to do so
- We encourage HIV positive patients to attend elsewhere for flu vaccination and do not stock vaccine in the clinic
- Other, please describe

[] What steps do you take to inform GPs about HIV positive patients' eligibility for flu vaccination (please tick all that apply)?

Please choose **all** that apply:

- We write to individual patients' GPs before or during the autumn vaccination season, unless the patient has refused consent
- Our standard GP letter regarding HIV positive patients (eg sent following annual clinical review) mentions eligibility for flu vaccine
- We inform GPs of newly diagnosed HIV patients about eligibility for flu vaccine, unless the individual has refused consent
- Other, please describe:

[]What steps do you take to advise HIV positive patients about the need for flu vaccination and enable them to obtain this?

Please choose **all** that apply:

- We contact HIV positive patients (eg by letter, text or email) during the autumn vaccination period to remind them to get vaccinated, unless the individual has refused consent
- HIV positive patients who attend for routine bloods (viral load and/or CD4) during the autumn vaccination period are offered or advised to obtain vaccination
- HIV positive patients who attend for review by a clinician during the autumn vaccination period are offered or advised to obtain vaccination
- Our protocol for annual clinical review for HIV positive patients includes discussion of the need for annual flu vaccination (whether or not the review takes place during the vaccination season)
- Our protocol for assessment of newly diagnosed HIV positive individuals includes discussion of the need for annual flu vaccination (whether or not this takes place during the vaccination season)
- We offer HIV positive patients certificates or notes confirming eligibility for flu vaccination so that they can request this eg from a pharmacy
- We display posters and/or leaflets recommending flu vaccination and saying how to obtain this
- Other, please describe:

[]Do you have a system for recording advice about flu vaccination given to HIV positive patients?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes, we have a system for recording this and aim to do so routinely
- This may be recorded for some patients but it is not routine
- No

[]Do you have a system for recording uptake of flu vaccine among HIV positive patients (ie whether they have *received* annual vaccination)?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes, we have a system for recording this and aim to do so routinely
- This may be recorded for some patients but it is not routine
- No

[] Did your service change any procedures or undertake any *new* activities during autumn 2015 to winter 2016 with the aim of improving flu vaccine uptake among individuals with HIV?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

[] Please describe this changed or new activity/protocol:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '6 [NewActivity]' (Did your service change any procedures or undertake any new activities during autumn 2015 to winter 2016 with the aim of improving flu vaccine uptake among individuals with HIV?)

Please write your answer here:

[] Was the decision to undertake this change/new activity influenced by:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

((NewActivity.NAOK == "A1"))

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Findings of the BHIVA 2015 monitoring audit?
- Letter circulated by the Chief Medical Officers?
- Local audit, please describe:

[] Have you audited the effect of these changes?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

((NewActivity.NAOK == "A1"))

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- Not yet but plan to do so
- No

Thank you. Your answers have been recorded. If you wish to download the completed questionnaire for your own records, please select "Print your answers".

Other BHIVA audit questionnaires currently open can be accessed via the following links:

- [Look back reviews of late diagnoses: survey of activity](#)
- [Case note review of adults diagnosed with advanced HIV](#)

[BHIVA website](#)

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Thank you for completing this survey.