

Release Notes

This document outlines some important notes regarding the new pandemic version of Combined Vaccination that should be considered by your practice. Please read through this document before using Combined Vaccination to administer your pandemic influenza vaccination programme.

PRIMIS vs Seasonal influenza & pneumococcal criteria

The risk criteria used to determine patients eligibility for pandemic influenza vaccination are set nationally throughout the UK and the specification used is known as PRIMIS+. The specific read codes and medication used to identify patients can be viewed in the "PRIMIS At-Risk Criteria" document installed with your software.

Note that this is different from the criteria used to identify patients eligible for seasonal influenza & pneumococcal which is available in the "At-risk Criteria" document.

Pregnancy

Combined Vaccination will automatically identify patients as pregnant according to the PRIMIS+ risk criteria. For more details, please see the document "PRIMIS Pregnancy Codes" installed with the software.

However given that pregnancy will likely be poorly recorded, Combined Vaccination **MUST NOT** be relied upon to find pregnant patients without being cross checked against some other source, e.g. your local midwives.

Recall

You may use Combined Vaccination to identify all your patients eligible for pandemic influenza vaccination by using the Possible Patients report. Please note that this is based on your 'live' data so patients will be removed from this list as they are vaccinated (or decline etc).

This report is also used to identify patients eligible for vaccination for seasonal influenza & pneumococcal. If you wish to ensure you only identify patients due pandemic influenza vaccination, please ensure the appropriate vaccination dose is selected on the front screen before running the report.

Primary Risk Group Filtering

Please note that all patients in the reporting program only have one risk group displayed, the "Primary Risk Group". When filtering patients by "Primary Risk Group" only patients with this group as their highest priority group in PRIMIS for Pandemic Influenza or Risk Criteria Document for Seasonal Influenza will be selected. The reporting program shows the total number of risk groups the patient belongs to, however no filtering is provided for the additional risk groups.

PTI Morbidity Recording

Please note that there are currently no morbidities defined for pandemic influenza vaccinations, hence morbidity cannot be recorded for this vaccine. This is under review by the PTI team and may be amended in a future version of the software if this is required.

Recording

We strongly recommend that you record all pandemic vaccinations administered to patients through the Combined Vaccination tab. This will help ensure that the correct information is recorded and that the user is warned of any issues, such as contraindications.

If you wish to manually record a vaccination given, this can be performed by manually recording one of the manufacturer specific read codes that specifically state the vaccine product given. **DO NOT** use the generic pandemic influenza read codes.

Batch details

The pandemic version of Combined Vaccination now allows multiple batches to be maintained and changed, even after a vaccination has been recorded. As a result of this new functionality the batch number and expiry date are no longer stored in the read code comment as occurred in previous versions.

If you wish to check the batch details of a specific vaccination this can be performed through the Vaccination Report or by opening the specific patient concerned and using the Combined Vaccination tab and checking their eligibility information.

Combined Vaccination will also automatically remove batches that it detects have expired. However these are not deleted and can still be viewed in the Batch Maintenance screen by clicking the *Show Completed Batches* option.

Pandemic vaccine batch details can be entered against either the 1st or 2nd dose but will be made available for selection for both vaccinations.

2nd dose

Combined Vaccination will only identify patients as due a 2nd dose of the Pandremix vaccine if they meet the criteria set in the latest CMO letter, e.g. are immunosuppressed etc and 21 days or more have passed since the 1st dose was administered.

If you are recording a 2nd dose, this requires a 1st dose read code entry to be present. This can be retrospectively entered if not already present. If entering a retrospective vaccination, please note you will need to save and re-load the encounter before this is 'picked up' by Combined Vaccination.

Update Manager Registration

If Update Manager has been installed in your practice this will allow automatic client updating. Please ensure that this is registered by filling in your practice details in the administration screen (note this only needs done once for the practice). For more information please see the installation documentation.

Note that only alphanumeric characters are allowed for most fields. Please substitute words in place of characters if required. For example use the word "and" instead of &, e.g. "Dr Smith and Partners".