

Release Notes

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

Pandemic Influenza Removal

All functionality that was present in V7 with regards to finding patients eligible for H1N1 vaccinations has been removed. All patients at risk for this vaccination season should receive an influenza vaccination as normal.

Please note that the pandemic vaccinations still appear in the program for reporting or historical data entry. However, the software will not every highlight any patient as eligible for pandemic influenza.

Pregnancy

Combined Vaccination will automatically identify patients as pregnant according to the PRIMIS risk criteria. The rule set definition for pregnancy has changed for this year. Females will now be considered pregnant if a suitable code is recorded from the 1st January 2011. 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.

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 Influenza or Risk Criteria Document for Pneumococcal 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.

Long Stay Care Patients

Patients in long stay care continue to be eligible for influenza vaccination as specified in the CMO letter for this years vaccination campaign - SGHD/CMO(2011)8. Long stay care patients are not listed in the PRIMIS criteria but will be identified by Combined Vaccination using the same criteria as previous years.

Update Manager Removal

The Update Manager client has been removed from the client install of Combined Vaccination as no future GPASS versions of Combined Vaccination will be developed.

Extract

The seasonal influenza extract has been updated to provide Health Protection Scotland (HPS) the aggregated influenza surveillance information as details in the PRIMIS specification.