

# COOMBE MEDICAL PRACTICE

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## *Summer Newsletter 2018*

### **Emergency contact**

Some patients have tried to contact me via the pager during office hours or when I am not on call. **Please always call the landline (0208 605 0044) first.** The message will inform you who is on call and the appropriate number to call. Colleague doctors may be on call.

A fee is charged for missed appointments, and for those cancelled less than six hours. Details on our website.

### **Gardasil HPV vaccine**

Human Papilloma Virus is a virus that is passed on by sexual contact. The virus can cause cancer of the cervix, vulva and vagina in women, genital warts in men and women, and head and neck/throat cancers in men and women. The NHS offers the vaccine routinely to girls, but boys are not offered it and so remain at risk. There has been a lot in the media recently regarding this disparity. We offer Gardasil 9 – the newest HPV vaccine, covering 9 of the most important HPV strains.

### **Prescriptions**

When a repeat prescription is required for on-going medication, it is appreciated if at least two weeks' notice is given. We need to check the medical records to see whether the medication is intended to be repeated; whether a blood pressure or blood test is required; and to ensure safe clinical monitoring. This also allows enough time for us to post the prescription to you.

### **GDPR**

The General Data Protection Regulation comes into force in May 2018. It will strengthen and unify data protection for individuals. You have the right to know what the data is being used for and to whom it has been or will be disclosed. The personal data we collect about you includes data relating to your name, address, date of birth, email address and medical history. We will process your personal data to allow us to provide you with our services. All data is stored on a secure server as part of our clinical database. All electronic data is password protected and only accessible by authorised individuals. You can be assured that whilst the practice has a lawful basis for holding your data, and may transfer your personal data to the extent we need eg laboratories in case of lab tests, referrals to a specialist/hospital, pharmacies or doctors covering the Practice, it will not be used for general marketing.

### **Flu jabs**

Winter may seem a long way away... If you would like a Flu vaccination please call the Practice and reserve your jab as we will have a limited supply.

### **Medical cover**

Coombe Medical Practice will be closed from 11th until 28th August. Dr Soori will be providing medical cover:

Roseneath Medical Practice  
Corner of Mount Ararat & Paradise Road  
Richmond, TW10 6PA  
Telephone: 0208 940 9955

Dr Soori will be operating from her own clinic in Richmond. She will not see patients at Brook Gdns and will not have access to your medical records. Her charges may be different to ours. She will charge for consultations/telephone advice and prescriptions. Therefore, do please make sure you have enough of your regular medication before we go away.

*Wishing you all a relaxing Summer.*

