

COOMBE MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Summer Newsletter 2021

Coronavirus

Please do not come to the practice without a confirmed, booked appointment.

Please do not attend if you are suffering from COVID-19 symptoms/flu-like symptoms or have been in recent contact with a confirmed case. See:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If you have symptoms, please book a test online [NHS Test and Trace Coronavirus] or by calling NHS119.

We encourage everyone who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination to ensure that they have received both doses – this is arranged via the NHS.

Fit to Fly PCR Test

Coombe Medical Practice is on the Government list of approved COVID-19 PCR testers. If you need a Fit to Fly Certificate, please call to arrange an appointment.

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.

Flu vaccines

Autumn/Winter is approaching... If you would like a Flu vaccination, please call the Practice to reserve your vaccination.

General health

Please ensure that you and your family are fully protected and up to date with vaccinations eg routine childhood immunisations, HPV (Gardasil), Meningitis B, Meningitis ACWY etc. If in doubt do please telephone us.

We can perform blood tests to check general health, cholesterol levels, diabetes etc.

We encourage all men over the age of 50, or if they have a family history of prostate cancer, to have a PSA blood test to screen for prostate cancer. Women should have regular cervical smears; and from the age of 50 a mammogram every 3 years. Earlier screening is important if there is a family history. Please call to book appointments.

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.

Medical cover

Dr Barrie is away from 31st July until 9th August. The Practice is being covered by Dr Britta Derbuch (Medica Optima Surgery, 4 Back Lane, Ham TW10 7LF. Tel 0208 332 7190). Dr Derbuch will be operating from her own clinic. 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.
Stay safe and well.*