

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

VACCINATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH REASONS REQUESTED BY EMPLOYERS, INSTITUTIONS OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Practices are sometimes asked to provide and administer vaccinations against specific infective illnesses (e.g. Hepatitis B) in cases where an individual may be at increased risk by virtue of their occupation itself (e.g. health worker, refuse operative) or specific activity whilst at work (e.g. first aider).

The infective illnesses which may be relevant in this context are as follows:

Hepatitis B
Tuberculosis
Rubella (German measles)
Varicella (Chickenpox)

Current Health & Safety legislation stipulates that it is the responsibility of the body requesting the vaccination to organise an appropriate risk assessment and onward referral for any necessary vaccination should it be necessary. Provision of vaccinations under these circumstances is not normally within the remit of a General Medical Practice and is **not** included within the National Health Service. The task should be carried out by the employer's own occupational health department or a separate private provider.

Occasionally an employer, institution or other organisation will commission a General Medical Practice to provide and administer any necessary vaccinations. The fee due is payable by the requesting body.

Please show this information sheet to the person who has recommended that you receive a vaccination(s) in respect of your occupation or special activity at work so that the necessary arrangements can be made for you.