

Vaccination advice for people with Sickle Cell Disorders

Clinical Haematology

Introduction

This leaflet has been written for people with Sickle Cell Disorders to provide information about Vaccinations.

What vaccinations are recommended for people with Sickle Cell Disease?

A number of vaccinations are recommended for people with Sickle Cell disease.

Pneumovax is given because it gives greater protection against a number of bacterial types that cause pneumococcal infection. The first dose of the vaccine is given by the GP when the individual is around two years of age and then a booster dose is given every five years thereafter and right through adulthood.

Meningivac gives protection against meningococcus types A and C which cause meningitis. Even if a person has been given Men C which protects against meningococcus type C it is recommended that they have Meningivac before travelling to some parts of the world e.g. Africa and Asia because it will protect against meningitis A which occurs more commonly in those parts of the world.

Influenza (Flu) vaccine. It is recommended that people who do not have good immunity and prone to getting infections easily should be offered a flu vaccination every year. Getting the flu virus can be hazardous in those with sickle cell disease and this vaccination is highly recommended. In the UK it is offered by the GP usually in autumn or early winter, if it has not been offered contact your GP.

Hepatitis B vaccination. People can contract Hepatitis B through using contaminated needles, for example whilst injecting illegal drugs, through sexual contact with an infected person, contamination from a blood transfusion and less commonly from an infected mother to her unborn baby. The blood transfusion services in the UK are extremely careful to screen all blood donors for hepatitis B; this reduces the risk of contamination via that route. If an individual with sickle cell disease requires blood transfusion it is recommended that they should have this vaccination to give them protection.

If you are unsure whether you have received or need any vaccinations please speak to your Haematology Consultant.

The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

Useful contact numbers:

Consultant in Haemoglobinopathies
01902 695271

Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialist
01902 695276

Where can I get further information?

The Sickle Cell Society

54 Station Road,
London NW10 4UA
Tel 02089617795
web www.sicklecellsociety.org

Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support Project (Wolverhampton)

2nd floor office St.Johns House
St. Johns Square
Wolverhampton
WV2 4BH
Tel 01902 444076
www.sctsp.org.uk
email info@sctsp.org.uk

Sickle Cell Care (Wolverhampton)

58 Bank Street
Wellington Road
Bilston
WV14 8PD
Tel 01902 498274
www.sicklecellcare.net

English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

Lithuanian

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Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

Punjabi

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Romanian

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Traditional Chinese

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如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。