



**Melbourne
Park**
Medical
Centre

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Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter since we have been working from our completed new building!



It's been a busy time, but we are delighted with how lovely the building is and really hope you enjoy using, and will benefit from, the new facilities.

We still have a few things that are yet to be sorted, for example, finishing the waiting room main wall and putting up a clock in there, so we're still busy behind the scenes.

Our Services

Many of you will be aware that we now offer a full **phlebotomy** (blood-taking) service for adults and children 12 years and over. We offer routine and urgent slots each weekday morning, bookable via reception up to 5 working days in advance.

We also offer pre-bookable appointments for **ECGs** (GP referral required), **ear syringing** (you need to see GP or Nurse first for an assessment), **spirometry** (GP referral required), and a full range of **treatment room services** which includes **minor injuries** and **wound care**, and **suture removal**.

Our team of nurses provide a **full practice nursing service** including **cervical cytology tests**, **well man/woman** and **cardiovascular health checks**, **travel advice**, and a **full vaccination programme**, as well as **diabetes care**, **contraception advice**, and **asthma/COPD clinics**. These are all bookable up to 3 months in advance.

Our team of GPs provide the **full range of GP care** to anyone who wishes to see us and we also provide some specialist GP services provided by specific GPs, such as **specialist contraception (Coil/IUDs, implants – Dr Ridley & Dr Badhe)**, **minor surgery** (Dr Khalid) and **joint injections** (which GP depends on the condition). Most of our GP appointments are booked on the same day. Approximately 30% of GP appointments are bookable in advance, with some of these advance appointments available to book on-line.



Staff Update

We welcome Dr Meenu Batra to the team. Meenu joined us as a part-time GP in June.

Karen Vesey, one of our longstanding members of the nursing team at Melbourne Park, is due to retire at the end of August. We hope that all of our patients will join us in thanking Karen for her many years of dedicated service to the practice and we send her our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Samm Radford will be stepping into a new role from October 2015, when she becomes a full-time member of the nursing team as a Health Care Assistant. She will continue to provide our phlebotomy service and also ECGs, spirometry, 24hr BPs and some other health checks, working alongside our Practice Nurses.

Dr Kate Foley, who has been a GP Registrar with us for the last 4 months, will be leaving her post here to continue her GP specialist training in her next hospital post. Dr Zehra Zaidi, also a GP registrar, will continue working with us part-time until early December.

We also welcome Ashley, who has been working temporarily with the admin team for the last few months, as a new member of our reception team.

Influenza (Flu') Vaccination Clinics

Watch out for our newsletter, posters, website and your repeat prescription slips for updates on when we will be running this year's Flu' vaccination programme. We will be setting the dates for our usual two Saturday morning clinics (likely to held in October/early November) as soon as we have the vaccine delivery dates confirmed.

If you are in a clinical 'at risk' group or will be aged 65 and over on the 31st March 2016 you will be eligible for the seasonal flu' vaccination this year. We will advertise as soon as the clinics are available to book.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

If you are aged 65 and over, did you know that you are eligible for a 'one off' vaccination against pneumonia? Pneumococcal pneumonia is the commonest type of bacterial pneumonia and people in this age-group, and those with certain medical conditions, are recommended to have this vaccination.

If you are unsure whether you have already had this vaccination, or whether you have a condition for which is recommended, please speak to Reception and they will be happy to find out for you.

Pneumococcal vaccination is available all year round and can be arranged by booking an appointment with the Practice Nurse.

Practice Website

We are in the process of updating our practice website (and our paper leaflet) to reflect the services we now provide from our new facilities. For further information about the practice please visit our website at:

<http://www.melbourneparkmedicalcentre.co.uk>

