

Guidance on Payments for Vaccines

The purpose of this document is to clarify situations where vaccines may be given free of charge under the NHS (paid for under the global sum).

The method of reimbursement for the supply of vaccines within a GP practice depends on:

- the reason for the vaccination
 - National Vaccination Programme - check you have the most up-to-date information available <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>
 - Travel prophylaxis – see table below for vaccines that can be provided on the NHS “free of charge”. Vaccines for travel purposes should be purchased by the practice, even if it is possible to obtain via ImmForm (e.g. menACWY, Td/IVP).
 - Occupational health - Responsibility for protecting employees from potential hazards encountered at work lies with employers and all vaccination for such occupational prophylaxis, including hepatitis B, should be paid for privately, not on the NHS.
 - Other - vaccines recommended for asplenic patients, or patients with splenic dysfunction or complement disorders refer to the BNF advice <https://www.medicinescomplete.com/mc/bnf/current/PHP78335-vaccines.htm> regarding the product choice and dosing schedules for specific patients.

- the source of vaccine supply used.
 - ImmForm (central supply, no charge made to practice). Many of the vaccines for the national programme are obtained by the practice via ImmForm (www.immform.dh.gov.uk). The practice is not charged for these central supplies and so should not make a claim for reimbursement following administration. There is no fee for personal administration for these vaccines if given under the national vaccination programme.
Note - Influenza vaccine supply is subject to annual variation and may include a combination of central procurement and GP practice purchase directly from manufacturers. Influenza vaccine obtain via ImmForm e.g. for particular patient cohorts, will not require reimbursement.
Note - If the vaccine is not being administered as part of the national programme for vaccination then centrally supplied products should not be used and reimbursement should be claimed via FP10 or FP34
 - Via wholesaler or directly from manufacturer.
 - Via Public Health England (no charge made to practice)

Sources of vaccine supply:

- **FP10:** A prescription charge is payable to the pharmacy unless the patient is exempt. There is no fee/claim for personal administration.
- **FP34:** Bulk claim submitted on a monthly basis. Only 6 vaccines [**hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, influenza, pneumococcal, meningococcal**] or combinations thereof, may be claimed for using the FP34. The patient is not charged. There is a claim for personal administration. Reimbursement comes to practice via the NHS BSA (PPD).
- **Private prescription:** the patient pays for the writing of the private prescription OR they pay for the supply of the vaccine, with or without a separate charge for administering the vaccine. The patient should be informed of these charges in writing at the outset of the process.

National Immunisation schemes

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (DTaP/IPV/Hib) <i>(Pediacef, Infanrix-IPV+Hib)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (DTaP/IPV) <i>(Infanrix IPV)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria (low dose), Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (dTaP/IPV) <i>(Boostrix IPV, Repevax)</i>	Pregnant women and new mothers national immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Haemophilus Influenza type b / Meningococcal group C (Hib/MenC) <i>(Menitorix)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) <i>(Gardasil)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Influenza inactivated vaccine (adults over 18 years of age)	Immunisation offered under the NHS on an annual basis for those aged 65 years and over or those aged under 65 years in a risk category	FP34 if practice to purchase stock or FP10
Influenza inactivated vaccine (from 6 months to 18 years of age) <i>(Fluarix Tetra)</i>	Immunisation offered under the NHS on an annual basis for those aged 6 months to 2 years in an at risk category, and those who are eligible for influenza vaccination but in whom the nasal influenza vaccine is contraindicated.	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Influenza (Nasal spray live attenuated vaccine) <i>(Fluenz Tetra)</i>	Immunisation (as nasal spray) for children aged 2 to 18 years for the cohort defined by the latest annual Flu letter and those defined as at risk.	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) <i>(Priorix, MMRVaxPRO)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccination (MenACWY) <i>(MenVeo, Nimenrix)</i>	National Immunisation scheme from August 2015	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal B (MenB) <i>(Bexsero)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme from 1 st September 2015	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal C (MenC) <i>(Menjugate, Menigitec, NeisVac-C)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) <i>(Prevenar13)</i>	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) <i>(Synflorix)</i>	Offered under the NHS for those aged 65 years and over or those aged under 65 years in a clinical risk category outlined in latest advice from CMO.	If practice to purchase stock FP34 or FP10

National Immunisation schemes continued.....

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine should be offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine under global sum
Rotavirus (<i>Rotarix</i>)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Shingles (<i>Zostavax</i>)	National Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Tetanus, diphtheria (low dose) and polio (Td/IPV) (<i>Revaxis</i>)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm for anyone over 10 years with outstanding doses up to the 5 recommended on the national schedule. ONLY claim on FP10 or FP34 if it is for travel when the patient completed their 5 dose course more than 10 years ago.

Travel vaccination

Vaccine name	Vaccines available on the NHS for travel purposes	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine
Cholera (<i>Dukoral</i>)	Travellers to an area where risk of exposure is high, as defined by NaTHNac, or countries where immunisation is a condition of entry.	FP10
Diphtheria (only available as combined vaccines)	For travellers visiting epidemic or endemic areas it is recommended that the combined Td/IPV is given where a booster of any element is required.	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Hepatitis A (<i>Avaxim, VAQTA, Havrix</i>)	Travellers to an area where risk of exposure is high - defined by NaTHNac	FP10 or FP34
Hepatitis B (single agent) (<i>Engerix B, HBVAXPRO, Fendrix</i>)	Not provided on the NHS.	Private prescription/practice charge
Hepatitis A and B combined (<i>Ambirix, Twinrix</i>)	Hepatitis A is available on the NHS for travel whereas Hepatitis B is not, so it is not possible for GP practices to offer the combination.	Not appropriate to be offered by GP practices for travel
Hepatitis A and Typhoid Combined (<i>Hepatyrix, ViaTIM</i>)	Advised where sanitation is primitive and where the degree of exposure to infection is likely to be high. See Green Book and latest advice from CMO.	FP10 or FP34
Japanese B encephalitis <i>Ixiaro</i>	Not provided on the NHS	Private prescription/practice charge
Meningococcal A,C, W135 & Y (<i>MenVeo, Nimenrix</i>)	Not provided on the NHS.	Private prescription/practice charge Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Poliomyelitis inactivated (only available as combined vaccines)	For travellers visiting epidemic or endemic areas it is recommended that the combined Td/IPV is given where a booster of any element is required.	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Rabies (<i>Rabipur</i>)	Not provided on the NHS.	Private prescription/practice charge
Tetanus only available as Tetanus, diphtheria (low	Travellers requiring vaccination or booster.	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies

dose) and polio (Td/IPV)		
Tick-borne encephalitis (TicoVac)	Not provided on the NHS	Private prescription/practice charge
Vaccine name	Vaccines available on the NHS for travel purposes	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine
Typhoid polysaccharide (Vivotif, Typherix, TyphimVi)	Travellers to countries where typhoid is endemic or countries where immunisation is a condition of entry	FP10 or FP34
Yellow fever (Stamaril)	Not provided on the NHS. Travellers seeking vaccination may only be offered as a private service via designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres.	Private prescription/practice charge
Other, less common vaccines for travel e.g. BCG, Pertussis	For travellers meeting the requirements set out in the Green Book	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies

Vaccination for specific clinical risk groups (NOT TRAVEL)

The Green Book identifies a number of clinical risk groups (outside of the national immunisation schemes) where vaccination is recommended. Please refer to the chapters of the Green Book for further information.

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered under the NHS	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine under global sum
Anthrax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicated for “at risk individuals” (see Green Book) Post-exposure immunisation advice must be obtained from PHE Colindale (tel. 020 8200 4400). 	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	May be recommended for contacts of a case of measles.	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Hepatitis A (Avaxim, VAQTA, Havrix)	See Green Book for list of at risk patient groups	FP10 or FP34
Hepatitis B (Engerix B, HBVAXPRO, Fendrix)	See Green Book for list of at risk groups eligible for Hep B (excluding travel and occupational health)	FP10 or FP34
Haemophilus Influenza type b / Meningococcal group C (Hib/MenC) (Menitorix)	Asplenic children and adults.	FP10 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Meningococcal A,C, W135 & Y (MenVeo, Nimenrix)	Asplenic children and adults.	FP10 or FP34 Do NOT use ImmForm supplies
Rabies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-exposure prophylaxis for rabies is provided free of charge via Public Health England: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/520305/PHE_clinical_rabies_service_April_2016.pdf Rabies immunisation should be offered to those at high risk of exposure to rabies. Requests for rabies vaccine for this cohort should be made to PHE Colindale (RIGS@nhs.net or 0208 200 1569). 	
Varicella (Chickenpox) (Varilrix, Varivax) Do NOT use Zostavax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close household contacts of immunocompromised patients Management of at-risk individuals following significant exposure to chicken pox or varicella zoster (See Green Book). 	FP10
Post-exposure immunisations	Certain vaccinations may be recommended by the local Health Protection Unit for possible contacts of vaccine-	FP10

preventable infectious diseases, and these should be offered free of charge under the NHS.
