



Aspley Medical Centre

Patient News Letter

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Welcome to the third edition of our Newsletter after a very rainy start to the year we find ourselves in a very hot summer in keeping with this lovely weather this edition of the newsletter contains information for those wishing to travel abroad who may wish to book in for a travel appointment.

If you are travelling abroad this year and wish to book in with our nurses please ask at reception for a form.

We hope you have a lovely summer.

The Aspley Medical Centre Team.

Get involved

Your feedback on our services is important to us we always welcome your views and it helps us to improve the services we provide.

If you would like to give feedback we would love to hear from you, you could E-mail us at aspleymedicalcentre@nhs.net or contact us through the surgery on 9292700 to give us your views and experiences.

Did you know that we have patient group meetings here at Aspley Medical centre?

If you would like to take part please ask at reception or speak to the practice manager.

For more details of our surgery and other information on our services please visit the website at www.aspleymedicalcentre.co.uk



*****Reminder about Prescriptions*****

Please note prescriptions take **48 hours** to be processed and they must be in before 10.00am for them to be processed that day.

You can order your prescription up to a week before it is due.

Prescriptions that are brought in after 10.00am will not begin to be processed until the following day.

An increasing number of patients are requesting **Urgent/Same day prescriptions** we understand that there are occasions where this cannot be avoided and although we always try our best to help in these cases it is not always possible for us to process them so quickly and puts added pressure onto the GP's to get them done in such a short space of time.

Please allow 48 hours (2 working days) for your prescription request.





Travelling abroad?

If you are travelling abroad this summer you may need vaccinations for the country that you are travelling to.

At Aspley Medical Centre our nurses offer free travel appointments for patients to get the information and vaccinations that they may need for the country that they are travelling to.

If you would like a travel appointment please collect a travel form from reception for each person that will be travelling and fill this in.

When you have completed your form hand it in to the receptionist who will make an appointment for you.

Please note travel appointments should be booked for at least **6 weeks before** you are due to travel.

Dr Carol Michel is retiring

Dr Michel is due to retire from her post as GP here at Aspley Medical centre which she has held for the past 18 years.

We will be very sad to see her go and she will be sorely missed by the staff here and her patients, We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life and have put a message book at reception so that anybody wishing to send their best wishes or a little message may enter them for her as a keepsake.

(Please ask at reception if you would like to write in this)

Congratulations Dr Michel and all the best for the future.



Annual blood tests

A polite reminder to all patients who attend for annual screening blood tests when you have attended for these please remember to make an appointment with the doctor or the nurse to review the results many thanks.

Flu Clinic

Next month will be the start of our flu vaccination season if you normally have an annual Flu Vaccine please contact the surgery during the month of **September** to make an appointment.



Dr Harte highly commended!!

Dr J Harte was nominated for the patients champion award at the recent LMC's General Practice awards in July 2013.

Dr Harte was one of four GP's shortlisted for the award and was "highly commended" as a finalist.

Well Done Dr Harte.



Practice Closures

The surgery will be closed on Monday the 26th of August for the bank holiday and re- open at 8.30 am on Tuesday 27th of August

The Surgery will also be closed for staff training on the following dates:

- Tuesday 17th September 2013 Closed from 12.30 pm
- Tuesday 5th November 2013 Closed from 12.30 pm
- Tuesday 3rd December 2013 Closed from 12.20 pm

If you need a doctor urgently whilst the surgery is closed please ring the same number 9292700 and you will be diverted to the out of hours service.