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2021 Eligibility for funded influenza vaccination

The 2021 influenza vaccines that can be administered by pharmacists are FLUAD® QUAD for adults aged 65 years or older and AFLURIA® QUAD for ages 13-64 years. These are free when administered to eligible people by 31 December 2021.

Eligibility criteria for FREE influenza vaccination:

1. Pregnant women (any trimester)
2. People aged under 65 years with any of the medical conditions listed overleaf
3. People aged 65 years or older

Also refer to the New Zealand Pharmaceutical Schedule on the PHARMAC website:
www.pharmac.govt.nz/patients/PharmaceuticalSchedule



The Immunisation
Advisory Centre



The following conditions are excluded from funding:

- Asthma not requiring regular preventative therapy
- Hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia without evidence of end-organ disease

For vaccination eligibility and clinical queries contact:
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Eligible conditions for funded influenza vaccination

Funded influenza vaccine is available each year for people who meet the following criteria set by PHARMAC:^{*}

1. People 65 years of age or older; or

2. People under 65 years of age who:

- have any of the following cardiovascular diseases:
 - ischaemic heart disease, or
 - congestive heart failure, or
 - rheumatic heart disease, or
 - congenital heart disease, or
 - cerebrovascular disease; or
- have either of the following chronic respiratory diseases:
 - asthma, if on a regular preventative therapy, or
 - other chronic respiratory disease with impaired lung function;^a or
- have diabetes; or
- have chronic renal disease; or
- have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
- have any of the following other conditions:
 - autoimmune disease,^b or
 - immune suppression or immune deficiency, or
 - HIV, or
 - transplant recipient, or
 - neuromuscular or CNS disease/disorder,^c or
 - haemoglobinopathy,^d or
 - children on long-term aspirin, or
 - a cochlear implant, or
 - pregnant women (any trimester); or
 - error of metabolism at risk of major metabolic decompensation, or
 - pre- or post-splenectomy, or
 - Down syndrome, or
- pregnant women (any trimester); or

3. Children aged 4 years or under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness

Unless meeting the criteria set out above, the following conditions are excluded from funding:

- asthma not requiring regular preventative therapy
- hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia without evidence of end-organ disease

^{*}New Zealand
Pharmaceutical Schedule.
Available at
www.pharmac.govt.nz.

a. Chronic respiratory diseases include: chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, emphysema.

b. Autoimmune diseases may include: coeliac disease, Crohn's disease, Grave's disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis. Immune suppression or immune deficiency includes disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) or targeted biologic therapies.

c. Neuromuscular and CNS diseases/disorders include: cerebral palsy, congenital myopathy, epilepsy, hydrocephaly, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury.

d. Haemoglobinopathies include: sickle cell anaemia, thalassaemia.

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