

DLM 262 User Guide

Summary of changes

- Human papillomavirus (Cervarix) now included in Types of Immunisation
- Minimum period for drug check for interactions and drug doubling reduced from 30 to 7 days for non-Scottish practices.

HPV immunisations

Human Papillomavirus (Cervarix) is now included in Type of Immunisation on Immunisation Add with three stages:

Stage 1 65FS First human papillomavirus vaccination,

Stage 2 65FT Second human papillomavirus vaccination,

Stage 3 65FV Third human papillomavirus vaccination

Stage 1 has a recall interval of two months, and stage 2 four months.

The same Read codes have been applied to HPV (Gardasil), with one month recall interval from Stage 1, and five months from stage 2.

HPV vaccine will be introduced for females aged 12-13 years (school year 8) and females aged 17-18 years (school year 13) from autumn 2008.

The recent advice from the DOH is that Cervarix has been chosen as the immunisation of choice for HPV programme for 12 -18 year olds. The Gardasil immunisation will still be available even though not supplied free to practices, but it can be prescribed privately.

From the beginning of the 2008/2009 school year, the routine childhood immunisation programme will include HPV immunisation for all 12- to 13-year old females (school year 8). This routine cohort to be immunised will be all females born between 1 September 1995 and 31 August 1996 (and corresponding birth date ranges in following years).

The programme will now include a catch-up cohort for the 2008/09 school year for all 17- to 18-year old females (school year 13). This catch-up cohort to be immunised will be all females born between 1 September 1990 and 31 August 1991.

The term 'females' is defined as 'individuals born as females'.

Drug Checks

In Consultation - Options - Setup - Drug Checks, for non-Scottish practices, the minimum allowed in drug doubling and drug interaction date checks has been dropped from 30 days to 7 days.

This is the date offset entered in Therapy Data for Drug Checks and New Sensitivity Checks - From Last (date offset). This period also determines which acute therapies are listed on the Current tab of Therapy.

For non-Scottish practices, a value of around 20 days (20D) is recommended so that you avoid getting drug doubling messages on 28 day repeats.

A minimum of 30 days will remain for Scottish practices.

The screenshot shows the 'Consultation Manager Setup' dialog box with the 'Drug Check Management' tab selected. The 'Therapy Data For Drug Checks And New Sensitivity Checks' section has a 'From Last (date offset):' field set to '1 year'. The 'Automatic Results Display On' section has three dropdown menus: 'Contraindications' (General), 'Precautions' (Patient Specific), and 'Prescriber Warnings' (Patient Specific). A dropdown menu is open for 'Prescriber Warnings', showing options: 'Display All', 'General', 'Patient Specific' (highlighted), and 'Never'. The 'Interactions' section has a 'Drug to Drug' dropdown set to 'High and Medium', an unchecked 'Context Sensitive' checkbox, and a 'Doubling' dropdown set to 'Same Action Group'. The 'Drug Warnings' section has an 'Override Confirmation Required' dropdown set to 'High'. At the bottom, there is an unchecked checkbox for 'Show Setup Form at Startup'. Buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' are on the right.

Note that the Drug Check options changes made in DLM 260 were modified in DLM 261 for non-Scottish practices to allow prescriber warnings to be suppressed or never displayed.
