

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Farewell Dr Hignett and Dr Quinn
- Cold/Flu Advice
- Christmas Arrangements
- Flu Campaign
- Patients who do not attend
- Travel
- Cervical Smears

Lovemead Group Practice are sad to report the departure of 2 GP Associate Partners in December 2008. Drs Hannah Hignett and Kealan Quinn have been a fundamental part of the Practice team and we are very sorry that they are leaving and wish them and their families all the best for the future.

Dr Hannah Hignett has made the difficult decision to leave the Practice due to family commitments. She has been at Lovemead for 5 years.

"It has been a great privilege to care for you over the last 5 years and I have really valued your loyalty. I apologise that for some of you the timing of my departure is poor, but I have always sought to look after you to the best of my ability and it is becoming hard to do that. I shall miss you all and wish you the very best for the future."

Dr Hannah Hignett

Dr Kealan Quinn has accepted a Partnership at a Practice in Reading. He has been at Lovemead for 2 years .

"I will be leaving the Lovemead Surgery on 11/12/08 and moving with my family to Berkshire. I will miss working and living in this area, but I am looking forward to my new job as a partner in a surgery in Reading. I have very much enjoyed working with the staff and patients of Lovemead and wish you all the best."

Dr Kealan Quinn

COUGHS AND SNEEZES SPREAD DISEASES

There is no cure for colds or flu. Following a few simple steps will make you feel better and get well faster.



- Rest, don't exercise
- Take Paracetamol, Ibuprofen or soluble Aspirin
- Drink plenty of water
- Stop smoking!

Christmas Arrangements

Please note Bank Holiday Dates when the surgery will be closed

Christmas Day
25th December 2008

Boxing Day
26th December 2008

New Years Day
1st January 2009

For any emergencies please contact the out of hour's service by phoning in to the practice 0844 477 8952 and the call will automatically divert to Wiltshire medical services or phone direct on **0300 111 5717**.

Medical advice is also available via NHS direct 24 hour helpline 0845 4647

www.nhsdirect.co.uk.

We would appreciate any request for repeat prescriptions to be ordered well in advance.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Flu Campaign 2008

We are coming to the end of our most successful flu campaign ever, having vaccinated 3224 patients so far!. Saturday clinics again proved to be popular and nearly a thousand patients were immunised on each day. There are still some vaccines available, please contact the surgery as soon as possible if you require one.

Car Park Reminder

The car park is for the use of staff and patients whilst attending the surgery only.

Patients Who Do Not Attend

We still have a high number of patients who do not attend for their booked appointments but we are grateful that more and more of

you make the effort to use the telephone number and other facilities to cancel unwanted appointments. Your assistance is

making a difference.

Appointment line (08444 778952) please press option (1) to cancel an appointment.

Repeat Prescription Reminder

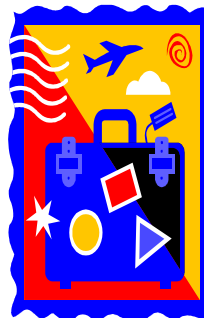


Please allow 48 hours for repeat prescriptions to be processed

The home delivery service is only available to the housebound, infirm or elderly.

TRAVEL!

Going somewhere exotic on holiday next year? Need some vaccinations? You should attend for a travel consultation well in advance – preferably at least two months before your departure, for advice and to arrange immunisations.



Cervical Smear Test Are you overdue?

If you are due, or overdue, to have this simple procedure carried out, please telephone the surgery to make an appointment. Clinics are held at various times during the week and the test is carried out by one of our Practice Sisters.

Cervical smears performed on a regular basis can detect early signs of cancer of the neck of the womb and treatment is available to prevent cancer from developing.



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