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Dear Colleagues,

MenACWY Vaccine Change (MenQuadfi®)2024

In 2015 following JCVI advice, a meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccination (MenACWY) programme was introduced into the national immunisation programme for Wales [WHC\(2015\)037](#).

The licensed MenACWY vaccines in the UK are Menveo® (GSK), Nimenrix® (Pfizer), and MenQuadfi® (Sanofi). Initially the programme used both Menveo® and Nimenrix® vaccines, and later moved to only Nimenrix®.

Following the latest UKHSA vaccine contract tender on behalf of the UK, the vaccine used in the programme in Wales will change to MenQuadfi® exclusively during early autumn 2024. The vaccines are clinically equivalent. One brand is being substituted for another. The MenACWY programme will not change.

The Nimenrix® expiry dates are noted below in anticipation of the changeover. This stock must be utilised before ordering MenQuadfi®. The quantities in the supply chain will be monitored as we approach the change. Please ensure you only order 2-weeks’ worth of stock for clinics to avoid stockpiling.

Batch numbers	Expiry Dates	Batch numbers	Expiry Dates
EJ9279	5/31/2024	FM7579	1/31/2025
FC3645	7/31/2024	GA5529	2/28/2025
FC3651	7/31/2024	GA5530	2/28/2025
FE7696	9/30/2024	FW1189	3/31/2025
FG0881	9/30/2024	GC6282	3/31/2025
FW7921	10/31/2024	GA5528	5/31/2025

The MenACWY PGD template was updated on 23 June 2023 and is available via the Welsh Medicines Advice Service page ([Patient Group Directions \(PGD\) – Welsh Medicines Advice Service \(wales.nhs.uk\)](#)). The revised template includes Menveo, Nimenrix and MenQuadfi as suitable products for the MenACWY vaccination programme to allow for a phased introduction of MenQuadfi®. This will assure minimal waste of existing Nimenrix® supplies. Ordering the vaccine will continue in the current format via ImmForm. During early autumn of 2024 MenQuadfi® will be available to order when supplies of Nimenrix® diminish.

MenQuadfi® is a [black triangle drug](#) ▼ supplied in single dose vials that do not require reconstitution. Stakeholder documentation will be updated to reflect the change in brand. The [MenACWY programme: information for healthcare professionals](#)) and MenACWY programme training slide set will be updated to include the characteristics of MenQuadfi®. The training slides will be made available at: [Immunisation training resources and events - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#). Updated frequently asked questions for professionals on MenACWY will be available here: [Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme \(VPDP\) - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

The PHW MenACWY vaccination pages for the professionals and the public will also be updated to reflect the change:

Professional page: [MenACWY - Information for health professionals - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#) and [MenACWY - Gwybodaeth i weithwyr iechyd proffesiynol - Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru \(gig.cymru\)](#)

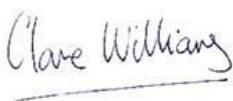
Public page: www.phw.nhs.wales/MenACWYvaccine and www.icc.gig.cymru/brechlynMenACWY

Patient information leaflets for the routine adolescent MenACWY vaccination programme can be ordered for free from: [Health Information Resources - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#) and www.icc.gig.cymru/brechlynMenACWY.

Information about vaccinations offered to secondary school aged children is available at: www.phw.nhs.wales/vaccines/youngpeople and <http://www.icc.gig.cymru/brechlynnau/poblifanc>

We kindly ask Health Board colleagues to cascade this letter to GPs.

Many thanks for your continued work to protect our communities from infectious disease.



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