

What is influenza?

Influenza is a serious, often debilitating illness which affects the whole body. Influenza can even cause death. While many confuse influenza with the common cold, colds are far less severe. Symptoms include fever, headaches, muscle aches and pains, as well as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea in children.

When should you be vaccinated?

As strains of influenza can vary each year, vaccinations should occur every year. The seasonal influenza vaccine becomes available March-April each year, in anticipation of winter outbreaks. Protection develops about 2 weeks, and Medvet recommends vaccination before winter months. It is also never too late, as flu season peaks in August-September.

Who should be vaccinated?

Any person over 6 months of age should be vaccinated. Those who care for, or are in close contact with, people at particular risk of severe complications from contracting influenza should also be vaccinated.

Pregnant?

Vaccination is recommended for pregnant women. It is safe to administer during any stage of pregnancy, or while breastfeeding. To ensure continuity of care is maintained Medvet suggests pregnant women consult their doctor or obstetrician before the clinic.

Under 18?

Per the manufacturer's product information, *Alfluria Quad*TM is only suitable for those over the age of 18. Under 18s should contact their GP. Further information available by request.

Allergies?

People with known anaphylactic sensitivity to eggs or any other component of the vaccine should not receive the vaccine.

This is not a live vaccine, it does *not* cause influenza.

Questions?

For any other questions, please contact Medvet on
1800 633 838, or customerservice@medvet.com.au.

Reactions

Common

Pain, redness, itching, swelling or burning can occur at the injection site. These are to be expected, are generally mild, and usually last for 1 to 2 days.

Injection site nodules are also relatively common. They may remain for many weeks after vaccination, but do not require any specific treatment.

Low-grade fever and tiredness, lasting a few days, are also common. These responses are usually mild and self-limiting, and generally do not require specific treatment.

Rare

Immediate severe adverse events (such as hives, swelling, difficulty breathing, wheezing or anaphylaxis) are rare.

Acute allergic reaction is a rare consequence of the vaccine. The allergy is usually due to a component of the vaccine manufacturing process such as egg protein.

There have been cases of Guillain-Barré Syndrome being associated with the influenza vaccine. The incidence is 1:1,000,000 and therefore the risk of complications of the influenza virus in at risk individuals is higher than contracting Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

Discuss this information or any questions you have with your health professional prior to the clinic. Remember to request confirmation of your vaccine details from your health professional to share with your local GP. If you exhibit unexpected, serious or prolonged adverse symptoms or signs following immunisation, medical advice should be sought.

Management of Reactions

Paracetamol is recommended for the treatment of fever and discomfort at the injection site. For any unexpected side effects after your vaccination, Medvet suggests contacting



Your local GP



Health Direct
1800 022 222



Your nearest hospital
emergency department

Employee Details	
Surname	First Name
Employer	Date of Birth
Site Address	
Medical Checklist	
Do you feel unwell today?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Do you have a bleeding disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Have you ever had a severe reaction following any vaccine?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Do you have a history of Guillain-Barre' Syndrome?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Do you have any severe allergies (to anything)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Are you pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Have you ever fainted when given an injection?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Have you had a vaccine in the last month?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Do you suffer from any medical condition, or are you receiving treatment which lowers immunity? (e.g. leukaemia/cancer/HIV-AIDS)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Have you received any blood products, injections of immunoglobulin or had a blood transfusion within 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Comments	
Consent	
<p>I have been given an opportunity to read the vaccine information and Influenza fact sheet provided to me and to also seek medical advice about its content. To the extent permitted by law, Medvet Science Pty Ltd (trading as Medvet) disclaim all liability related to the vaccination including but not limited to negligence. I consent to receiving the vaccine as administered by Medvet staff and understand that I must wait in the vaccination area and be observed for at least 15 minutes following this vaccination.</p>	
Employee Signature	Date
Medvet to Complete	Vaccine Batch Number
Site of Administration	<i>Attach sticker</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> (L) Deltoid <input type="checkbox"/> (R) Deltoid	
Nurse Name	
Signature	