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Office of the Chief Medical Officer

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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccine

It is being brought to your attention that the Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccine (Group A, C, W135 and Y) is now available on the Government Formulary List for use as per protocol 124 (Annex I).

Consultants can prescribe the Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccine as per National Immunization Services to:

- Travellers going to endemic areas on Government business
- Missionaries travelling to endemic areas
- Immunocompromised patients on the advice of their consultants
- Close contacts of confirmed cases as advised by Public Health Consultants.

For the protection of MDH laboratory staff handling live meningococcal cultures, the Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccine is to be prescribed by Consultant Microbiologist or Consultant Infection Control.

The conjugate meningococcal vaccine will replace the previous meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine after the manufacturer of the ACWY Vax® has advised that this product is being discontinued in the UK.

For your attention please.

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Conjugate Quadrivalent Meningococcal Vaccine

Part A

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Microbiologist
Consultant Infection Control

In-patient use:

For the protection of MDH laboratory staff handling live meningococcal cultures

Part B

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant

Indications as per National Immunisation Service:

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