

ONLY FOR RECIPIENTS OF aQIV
ADJUVANTED QUADRIVALENT INFLUENZA VACCINE ▼
(SURFACE ANTIGEN, INACTIVATED) Seqirus

This does not replace the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL). The PIL contains additional important information about the medicine that has not been included in this material. Please refer to the PIL for further information.

“Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and severe outcomes caused by influenza viruses.”

- WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, 2020

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST FLU?

Flu-related illness is a major problem, particularly for people aged over 65 years, and can lead to complications, hospitalisation, or even death. If you have an underlying health condition (such as chronic heart, kidney, liver, or respiratory disease), flu may make your condition worse.

As the flu virus changes every year, it is important to get vaccinated every winter.

WHAT IS aQIV?

As you get older, your immune system declines - aQIV is a flu vaccine that specifically helps to protect those aged 65 years and over against flu. The addition of an adjuvant to the influenza vaccine is designed to enhance the magnitude of the antibody response in patients aged 65 years and over. aQIV is one of the flu vaccines recommended as being suitable for you by the NHS for the 2024/25 flu season.

aQIV contains inactivated virus parts, which cannot cause flu. Flu vaccines do not protect against the common cold, which has similar symptoms to flu.

As with all vaccines, this flu vaccine may not fully protect all persons who are vaccinated.

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DOES aQIV CAUSE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all vaccines, aQIV can cause side effects. Most reactions are mild or moderate and resolve spontaneously within 2 to 3 days.

VERY COMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect more than 1 in 10 people):

- Headache
- Pain at the injection site
- Fatigue

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- Redness, bruising, hardness at or close to the injection site
- Diarrhoea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint and/or muscle pain
- Shivering
- Flu-like symptoms
- Nausea

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you experience the following serious side effect – you may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation:

- Difficulty in breathing, dizziness, a weak and rapid pulse and skin rash which are symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction (a very severe allergic reaction)

For full list of side effects and further advice, this leaflet should be read in conjunction with the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) available at **www.medicines.org.uk/emc**.

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See **www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard** for how to report side effects.

REPORTING OF SIDE EFFECTS:

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme **www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard**. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.