How to find us

We are based at Rikenel, Montpellier, Gloucester, GL1 1LY and offer immunisation clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays,
please contact us to make an appointment.

Opening hours

8.30am - 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

To ensure you get through to one of our coordinators please try to avoid our peak times and call us between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Outside of our opening hours we provide an automated information service.

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Staff health and wellbeing

WorkingWell

for Immunisation and screening

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Gloucestershire Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust
Working Well
Your Occupational Health Service

WorkingWell
To protect you and your patients against the risk of infection

Our Working Well Vision

A healthy, happy and productive workforce.

Immunisation and Screening

Staff who have patient or specimen contact through their work may be at risk of infection. In order to protect you and your patients, Working Well will offer you immunisations when you start work. Patients are at risk of infection, particularly those who are more vulnerable including young children, the elderly and those receiving chemotherapy. To protect yourself and your patients, your employer will require you to be screened for specific infections, as well as immunised.

The recommendations for immunisations and screening will be detailed within your organisation's policy which is based on Department of Health guidance. Clinical staff are reminded of their professional responsibilities as detailed by the General Medical Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Health Professionals Council, to take all reasonable steps to protect their health and that of their patients.

Immunisation Evidence

When you start your new job, you will be asked to provide evidence of your immunisation status to various illnesses. Your previous occupational health provider or GP may have your immunity record. If you don't have evidence then we will ask you to make an appointment to see us at Working Well as soon as possible and we will discuss with you which vaccinations and tests you require. In certain circumstances we may need to see you before you start work.

Your Information

We will provide your manager with a summary of the illnesses you are protected against and those you remain susceptible to. We don't tell your manager whether you have had specific illnesses or been vaccinated against certain diseases but the information about your "protected status" allows your manager to know which staff can look after an infectious patient safely and helps to allow efficient management in an outbreak situation.

What infections are screened for or immunised against?

Hepatitis B This is a highly effective vaccine and you will be required to have a number of doses over a period of up to 12 months.

Tuberculosis (TB) - New staff are screened to ensure that they are free from infection and a BCG vaccination will be offered to those exposed to TB in certain circumstances. BCG is not a particularly effective vaccine and staff who may be exposed are informed of the symptoms to look out for. Screening for tuberculosis may involve a questionnaire, skin test, chest x-ray or blood test depending upon the particular circumstances.

Varicella (Chickenpox) -Chickenpox is a common childhood disease but can cause a very severe illness in adults and vulnerable patients. Most people who were brought up in UK will be immune to chickenpox by adulthood. However, for those who are not immune, there is an effective 2 dose vaccine available.

Measles and Rubella - Measles can cause severe illnesses in adults with significant complications. Rubella is of particular concern for pregnant women because of the risk of congenital abnormalities associated with rubella infection.

Influenza - Staff are expected to have the annual seasonal flu vaccination every autumn. The components of the vaccine change every year and hence an annual dose is required.

There are NO vaccinations available against Hepatitis C and HIV. However, under certain circumstances we may be required to screen you for these diseases.