

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

“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 THE 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), the 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. 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 2022/2023 flu season.



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, swelling, bruising, hardness at or close to the injection site
- Nausea, diarrhoea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint and/or muscle pain
- Chills
- Flu-like symptoms

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

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN CASE OF ANY UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECTS?

▼ 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 yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk for how to report side effects.

For a 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.

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 at yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk.