

## **SADDLEWORTH MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENTS PARTICPATION (P.P.G.) NEW SHEET NO1**

At the P.P.G's meeting in August it was decided although its Newsletter has been acclaimed by its parent group the National Association. because it is published only every 3 months there are issues which, on occasions, need to be transmitted to patients more speedily. Consequently it was decided to publish a news sheet, as and when necessary, which will complement the role of the newsletter. Some items will appear in both. It will not replace the newsletter.

This is the first of such news sheets. It is hoped it will be useful. Subsequent copies will appear on the practice's web site and will be sent to those who have agreed e mail contact.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CLINICAL PHARMACIST TO COMPLEMENT DOCTOR'S ROLE**

Are you aware there is a Clinical Pharmacist at the Saddleworth Medical Practice?

Ian Coleman is at Uppermill every Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings to expedite access to medical treatment for minor ailments. He is there to complement the role of the doctors and deals with minor ailments which are advertised at both Uppermill and Delph Surgeries and on the Practice's web site ([www.sadleworthmedicalpractice.com](http://www.sadleworthmedicalpractice.com)) Quite often it's difficult to gain access to see a doctor at short notice, but the majority of his appointments are book on the day.

So if you have difficulty in booking an appointment with a doctor or if you are seeking advice quickly for one of the ailments listed, Ian may be your man. You can book an appointment with him by ringing the practice on 01457 872228

Ian has almost 13 years' experience as a qualified pharmacist; 3 in a hospital and 10 years in the community.

**List of Conditions covered by Ian Coleman:** acne; allergies; chicken pox; cold sores; constipation; coughs and colds; cradle cap; cystitis/urine infections; diarrhoea; dry skin and eczema; emergency contraception; eye infections; fungal infections (oral and vaginal thrush; athlete's foot, fungal nail infection); hay fever; head lice; impetigo; inhaler technique; insect bites; medication reviews; minor cuts and grazes; mouth ulcers; nappy rash scabies; skin infections; sore throats; threadworms and warts and verrucae.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE EXCLUDED PATIENTS: Under 3 months of age unless for conjunctivitis, nappy rash, cradle cap or oral thrush.

Saddleworth Medical Practice is concerned it is not always possible to get an appointment with a doctor as speedily as wished. Ian's role must be seen part of a wider picture to make certain patients see the right health professional without any dilution of the service given. It will release doctors to see the patients suffering from more acute illnesses and will doubtless lead to an improvement in the appointment system.

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Dr Marina Li joined the practice on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Marina was previously one of our GP Registrars. Dr Jason Shilhan has joined the practice 14<sup>th</sup> September covering for Dr Katie Bibby, who is currently on maternity leave. Welcome to both doctors...

