

Only for recipients of TIVc

CELL-BASED TRIVALENT INFLUENZA VACCINE ▼

(SURFACE ANTIGEN, INACTIVIATED) 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, 2025

WHAT IS FLU AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST IT?

Influenza (flu) is an infectious virus that can cause symptoms such as fever, cough, headache, and tiredness. It spreads through the air when people cough or sneeze, or by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

For some people, particularly older adults and those with long-term health conditions, flu can lead to complications, hospitalisation, or even death.

The protection you get from the flu vaccine decreases over time, and the strains included in the vaccine are updated each year. That’s why it’s important to get the flu vaccine every year.

WHAT IS TIVc?

TIVc is a cell-based trivalent influenza vaccine used to prevent flu in adults and children from six months of age, and is one of the flu vaccines recommended by the NHS as being suitable for you for the 2026/27 season.

Unlike most flu vaccines, TIVc has been prepared in cell cultures, and is therefore egg free.

TIVc contains inactivated virus strains, which cannot cause flu. Flu vaccines do not protect against the common cold, which has similar symptoms to flu or other respiratory viruses.

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

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DOES TIVc CAUSE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all vaccines, TIVc can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

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

- Injection site pain, bruising, reddening and hardening or swelling at the site of the injection
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Reported in children from 6 months to < 6 years):

- Change in eating habits
- Irritability
- Sleepiness

Note: Some side effects were reported less often in certain age groups:

- Hardening or swelling at the site of the injection, headache, muscle pain and tiredness were common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) in the elderly.
- Bruising at the site of the injection was common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) in adults, elderly and children 9 to < 18 years.
- Loss of appetite was common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) in adults, elderly and children 9 to < 18 years.
- Diarrhoea was reported as common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) in adults, elderly and children 6 years of age and older.
- Fever was uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people) in adults and elderly and common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) in children from 4 to < 18 years.

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

- Nausea, vomiting
- Joint pain
- Shivering

Note: Some side effects were reported less often in certain age groups:

- Vomiting was uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people) in the elderly.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you experience the following 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).

Tell your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following side effects – you may need medical attention:

- You feel weak, you have difficulty moving around or you experience numbness or tingling in your limbs. These can be symptoms of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), an autoimmune disease caused by your body's own immune system.
- Extensive swelling of injected limb

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/files/pil.15818.pdf.

REPORTING OF SIDE EFFECTS:

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme Website: <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.