

ONLY FOR RECIPIENTS OF aTIV

ADJUVANTED 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, 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 aTIV?

As you get older, your immune system declines – aTIV is a flu vaccine that helps protect adults aged 50 and over. For the 2026/27 flu season, the NHS recommends it as a first-line flu vaccine for adults aged 65 years and over, as well as for those aged 50 to 64 who are in clinical risk groups. aTIV contains an adjuvant (MF59C.1), which is added to enhance your immune response and help improve protection, especially in older adults.

aTIV 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 aTIV CAUSE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

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

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

- Pain at injection site
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Joint pain (arthralgia)
- Muscle pain (myalgia)

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

- Redness, swelling, bruising, hardness or close to the injection site
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Diarrhoea
- Shivering
- Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Flu-like symptoms (only in people aged 65 and over)

UNCOMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- Vomiting
- Swollen glands in the neck, armpit or groin (lymphadenopathy)

In individuals 65 years of age and older, some side effects were less frequent, such as joint and/or muscle pain (common) and fever (uncommon).

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

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.10444.pdf>

<https://products.mhra.gov.uk/>

▼ 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.