

Self-Assessment Tool for Pharmacists Delivering Vaccinations and/or Emergency Medicines

This self-assessment checklist is a practical tool intended to assist pharmacists in reflecting, self-assessing, and evaluating their individual needs to refresh their training in order to have the necessary skills and knowledge to safely deliver the associated vaccines and/or emergency medicines. The checklist is not exhaustive and should be used in connection with all other governance and accountability arrangements in place in the pharmacy for the provision of additional services as determined by the Superintendent Pharmacist, Pharmacy Owner and Supervising Pharmacist.

Pharmacist Name:					
PSI Registration Number					
Step 1	Descriptor	Yes	No	N/A	Action Required
	I am familiar with and comply with the Legislation which allows pharmacists who have completed accredited and approved training to administer medicines and vaccinations set out in the Eighth Schedule to the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended).				
	I have completed an accredited and approved Medicines Administration (Parenteral) Training Programme				
	<p>I understand the need to repeat the Medicines Administration (Parenteral) Training Programme if:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) I intend to deliver a vaccine or emergency medicine via an injection route which I have not previously administered or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) I intend to deliver a vaccine or emergency medicine via an injection route which I have neither practised (i.e. administered to a patient) nor been trained in* in the previous 12 months (or previous flu season)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(*trained in means completion of the Medicines Administration (Parenteral) Training Programme.</p>				
	I am competent in safe injection technique for the injection routes I intend to deliver vaccinations and/or emergency medicines				
	I have a valid certificate for CPR (Adults and Children)				
	I have a valid certificate for the Responding to an Emergency and Management of Anaphylaxis (RESMA) training module				

Step 2	I have a valid certificate for the Delivery of a Vaccination Service training module				
	I have a valid certificate for each training module specific to the vaccine(s) and/or emergency medicine(s) which I intend to administer				
	My training certificates (or copies thereof) are retained at the pharmacy in which I intend to administer vaccines and/or emergency medicines				
	I am familiar with the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for each vaccine(s) and/or emergency medicine(s) I intend to administer				
	I am familiar with and comply with the PSI Guidance on the Provision of Vaccination Services by Pharmacists in Retail Pharmacy Businesses				
	I am familiar with and comply with the PSI Guidance on the Safe Supply and Administration of Prescription-Only Medicines for the Purpose of Saving Life or Reducing Severe Distress in an Emergency				
	I am familiar with and comply with the current National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) 'Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland'.				
	I am familiar with and comply with the current National Immunisation Office (NIO) Guidelines				
	I will ensure that I am aware of any changes to legislation, training or guidance and will take steps to update my knowledge and skills as applicable				
Step 3	<p><i>I am satisfied that I possess the requisite theoretical knowledge and practical skills to safely administer vaccinations and/or emergency medicines in accordance with the legislative requirements and all relevant guidance. I understand, in accordance with the Statutory Code of Conduct for Pharmacists that I am personally and professionally responsible for my own acts or omissions in this regard.</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Signature</i> _____</p> <p><i>Date</i></p>				

Useful References (This list is not exhaustive)

- When performing your self-assessment, you may need to refer to the relevant sections of legislation and PSI Guidance. You can access pharmacy and medicines legislation through www.irishstatutebook.ie or on the PSI website www.psi.ie. PSI Guidelines are accessible on the PSI Website and in your Pharmacy Practice Guidance Folder.
- The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) 'Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland' are available through the National Immunisation Office (NIO) website www.immunisation.ie
- The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for each vaccine and/or emergency medicine is available via the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) website www.hpra.ie.
- The validity of training modules are outlined on the PSI website and/or by the training provider in the case of CPR certificates.