

LONG CLAWSON MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the fifth issue of our Newsletter. If you have any suggestions for future issues please let us know. We would value your input.

LONG CLAWSON PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

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Practice Telephone Numbers

Are you interested in finding out more about Long Clawson Medical Practice/Pharmacy?

01664 822214

Would you like to influence the development of local health services?

Ext 1—Reception

Long Clawson Medical Practice is keen to establish a Patient Participation Group.

Ext 2—Repeat Prescriptions

The first meeting will take place in September 2009.

Ext 3—Medical Secretary

A time and date will be arranged once a number of people have expressed an interest.

Ext 4—Health Visitor

If you would like to come along to the meeting or if you have any queries regarding the patient participation group, then please contact:

Ext 5—Pharmacy

Caroline Goulding Practice Manager 01664 821920 or email:

Fax—01664 823486

Caroline.goulding@gp-c82016.nhs.uk

NHS DIRECT—0845 4647

Suggested discussion topics:

Web - www.lcmp.co.uk

Update on planned changes to Long Clawson Medical Practice/Pharmacy

Ideas for the development of the group—what would you like to see your patient participation group doing?



CAROLINE'S JOTTINGS

I would like to introduce two new members of staff to the team:

Clare Hogg

Clare joins our reception team

Rebecca Allen

Rebecca joins our pharmacy team

WELL DONE

I would like to congratulate Sue Legg, one of our Practice Nurses,

on successfully completing her prescribing course.

This means that she will be able to prescribe medication such as the oral contraceptive pill and blood pressure treatment.

DISPOSAL OF DIABETIC SYRINGES

Please contact Melton Borough Council to dispose of sharps bins. They provide a quarterly collection

on a Monday (Tuesday if a Bank Holiday). The bins should be left at the front door to be collected during the day. Contact MBC on 01664 502502.

Long Clawson is not allowed to take receipt of these clinical sharps bins, although they can still be collected from the Surgery.

CERVICAL SCREENING

National Policy is that women under the age of 25 are not routinely invited for Screening.

Why Not?

Cervical cancer is rare in women under 20. Teenagers' bodies, particularly the cervix, are still developing, which means young women may get an abnormal result when there is nothing wrong. This could lead to unnecessary

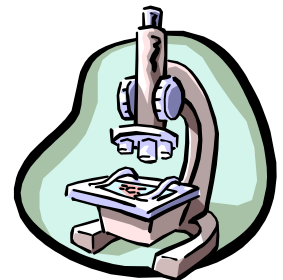
treatment, so screening young women might do more harm than good.

Under 25, invasive cancer is extremely rare but changes in the cervix are common. Although lesions treated in very young women may prevent cancers from developing many years later, the evidence suggests that screening should start at age 25. Lesions will still be screen-detectable and those that would regress will no longer be a source of

anxiety.

Who is eligible?

All women between the ages of 25 and 64 are eligible every 3 to 5 years.



CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION ORDERING

Repeat prescriptions can be ordered by any of the following routes:

BY PHONE—01664 822214 Op 2

The phone will be 'manned' between the hours of 8.00 am and 12.30 pm every working week day. If the line is engaged, your order can be left on the answer-phone and will be picked up immediately the line is free.

WRITTEN ORDER

The white slip of paper that accompanies your order should be clearly marked in the box beside your requested items and either placed in the order box (in Recep-

tion) or posted to the Practice.

VERBALLY

Now taken at the Reception desk

INTERNET

The Repeat Line can be accessed via the Long Clawson Medical Practice website. A pin number can be acquired by ringing the repeat prescription phone line

DELIVERIES

If you require your prescription to be delivered to the nearest Post Office, then please allow 1 week from ordering your prescription to collection from the Post Office.

SURGERY DELIVERY SERVICE

A free of charge service for those who are house bound.

ORDER PLACED	EARLIEST COLLECTION
Fri 12.31pm to Mon 12.30pm	Wed 2.00pm
Mon 12.31pm to Tues 12.30pm	Thurs 2.00pm
Tues 12.31pm to Wed 12.30pm	Fri 2.00pm
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ProtecT Study(Prostate testing for Cancer & Treatment

Long Clawson Surgery recently participated in the above study. The ProtecT study is a randomised controlled trial which evaluates treatments for prostate cancer. It compares surgery, radiotherapy, and active

monitoring. Randomisation means that patients have an equal chance of having any of the three treatments available.

720 people were invited of which 270 were entered into the study. 5% of those entered had a raised

PSA and cancer proven and 5% had a raised PSA and no biopsy evidence of cancer.

Full results of which treatment is best will not be known for possibly 5-10 years.