



Section B: Information Specific to Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives for the administration of the Seasonal Influenza Vaccines to Vaccine Recipients for the 2023/2024 influenza season

Statutory Instrument No. 511 of 2021 enables health care professionals (including registered nurses and registered midwives) who are COVID-19 vaccinators as professions that can administer seasonal influenza vaccines.

In order to administer the vaccine, registered nurses and registered midwives must be familiar with the medicine protocols for the administration of the seasonal influenza vaccines. Registered nurses and registered midwives must also have completed the Self-Assessment of Competency Form included in this section. The medicine protocols and the Self-Assessment of Competency Form are available at www.immunisation.ie

Registered nurses and registered midwives must have completed the *Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme: Education Programme for Nurses and Midwives* (HSE Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director), available at: www.HSEland.ie

They must also complete the relevant National Immunisation Office (NIO) modules on the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine. available at: www.HSEland.ie

Professional Qualifications, Training, Experience and Competence Required

<p>Professional qualifications, training, experience and competence required prior to using this medicine protocol / Professional Qualifications :</p> <p>Training, Experience, Competence:</p>	<p>The registered nurse or registered midwife must have completed all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife, on the active register maintained by the NMBI 2. Education programme for registered nurses and registered midwives on the <i>Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme: Education Programme for Nurses and Midwives</i> and any updates for nurses and midwives accessible on www.HSEland.ie 3. An approved <i>Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course</i> within the last two years (i.e. Irish Heart Foundation (IHF)) 4. Initial <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible on www.HSEland.ie followed by a two hour classroom based skills workshop. Recertification is required every two years by completing the on-line <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible on www.HSEland.ie 5. Self-Assessment of Competency Form available at www.immunisation.ie 6. COVAX online programme available at: https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/hsecovid19vms.html 7. <i>Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIV) – Inluvac Tetra</i> available at www.hseland.ie <p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Flu Vaccine - protect yourself, protect others</i>, available at www.hseland.ie
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Supporting Documents for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives

An Bord Altranais (2007) *Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management* Dublin: An Bord Altranais

Health Service Executive (2010) *Healthcare Risk Waste Management Segregation Packaging and Storage Guidelines for healthcare Risk Waste*. Dublin: Health Service Executive

National Immunisation Advisory Committee (2023) *Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community*. Available at https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/

National Immunisation Advisory Committee *Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland* Dublin: Royal College of Physicians Ireland. Online update available at <http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/>

National Immunisation Office (2023) *Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme (SIVP) Supportive Information Document for HSE Vaccinators*. Dublin: Health Service Executive

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2021) *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Code>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2020) *Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication Administration*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2022) *Practice Standards for Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Midwives-Standards>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Recording Clinical Practice. Guidance to Nurses and Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/More-Standards-Guidance/Recording-Clinical-Practice>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Scope-of-Practice/Nursing-Practise-Scope-Definition>



NAME: _____

(PRINT CLEARLY in CAPITALS)

NMBI PIN: _____

Self-Assessment of Competency to Administer Seasonal Influenza Vaccine under Medicine Protocol

	Critical Element	Competent Date/Initials	Needs Practice Date/Initials	Needs Theory Date/Initials
1	I understand the role and function of medicine protocols in the context of NMBI guidelines in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Code of Professional & Ethical Conduct • Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice • Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management • Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication Administration (Guiding Principle 2, page 12, section 2.8). 			
2	I practice within my scope of practice to undertake administration of seasonal influenza vaccine, under medicine protocol.			
3	I am familiar with and adhere to the practices as set out in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme (SIVP) Supportive Information Document for HSE Vaccinators</i> • <i>Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland (NIAC)</i>. 			
4	I have successfully completed the HSEland education programme for registered nurses and registered midwives: <i>Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2023/2024. Education Programme for Nurses and Midwives</i> . Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIV) – Inluvac Tetra available at www.hseland.ie			
5	I have attended Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers within the last two years.			
6	I am competent in safe intramuscular injection technique.			
7	I have successfully completed an approved Anaphylaxis education programme as outlined in section 5.0 of the medicine protocol and am familiar with NIAC (2023) <i>Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community</i> .			
8	I undertake to review the most current vaccination information from the NIO - www.immunisation.ie .			
9	I can outline the inclusion/exclusion criteria for administering influenza vaccine under the named medicine protocol.			
10	In assessing suitability for vaccination I can undertake a clinical assessment of vaccine recipients within the scope of the medicine protocol.			
11	I can refer those who meet the exclusion criteria to the relevant medical practitioner for an individual medical assessment as per medicine protocol.			
12	I am familiar with the documentation required to support implementation of the medicine protocol to ensure safe administration of influenza vaccine.			
13	I can provide information regarding seasonal influenza vaccine, benefits and side effects to vaccine recipients.			
14	I am aware of the procedure for treatment and reporting of adverse reactions.			
15	I understand the procedure for reporting and documentation of			

	medication errors/near misses.			
16	I dispose of all equipment and sharps in accordance with guidance for Healthcare Risk Waste HSE (2010).			
17	I am aware of and comply with the guidance on vaccine storage and handling including the maintenance of the cold chain in accordance with national and local policies.			
18	<p>I have undertaken the following HSELand/online programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMRIC Aseptic Technique www.hseland.ie • AMRIC Hand Hygiene www.hseland.ie • GDPR Guidelines www.hseland.ie • National Consent Policy: https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/other-quality-improvement-programmes/consent/national-consent-policy.html 			

I have sufficient theoretical knowledge and practice to undertake vaccination under this medicine protocol independently, and I acknowledge my responsibility to maintain my own competence in line with the Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework and current best evidence.

Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

If any deficits in theory and/or clinical practice are identified, the registered nurse/registered midwife must discuss with relevant line manager and implement appropriate action plan to achieve competency within an agreed time frame.

Action Plan (for use if needed to reach competencies outlined)

Action necessary to achieve competency:

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Date to be achieved:

Supporting evidence of measures taken to achieve competency:

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Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife Signature:

Date:

Line Manager Signature

Date:
