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To: All General Practitioners and Locums/ Sessional GPs
(for onward distribution to practice staff including
Practice Nurses)

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Dear Colleague

INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME FOR 2007/2008: ARRANGEMENT FOR ORDERING AND DELIVERY OF VACCINE

1. As advised in the Chief Professionals' letter of 3 July 2007, HSS(MD)16/2007, all influenza vaccine for the 2007/2008 Influenza Immunisation Programme has been centrally purchased by the Department from three influenza vaccine manufacturers, namely Solvay Healthcare, Wyeth and Novartis.

The vaccine supplies are only to be used for the immunisation of the recommended patient groups as defined in the Departmental letter HSS(MD)16/2007 on the Influenza Immunisation Programme for 2007/2008.

Timeline

2. We have been advised that vaccine supplies are on schedule. It is anticipated that vaccine supplies will arrive into Northern Ireland during the week commencing 17 September 2007. Therefore GPs and Trusts should schedule clinics **from 1 October**.

Orders

3. Although there are three different manufacturing companies involved, GPs and hospital pharmacies are requested to order generically (i.e. inactivated influenza vaccine) as there will be no preference for any particular brand. All the supplies of influenza vaccine are 0.5ml pre-filled syringe presentations and are thiomersal-free. GPs and hospital pharmacies must only order sufficient to meet their weekly needs and only the quantity that they have sufficient refrigerated capacity to store. **(Note - Storage Conditions: 2-8 C refrigerated storage/ Protect from light/ Do not freeze).**

As the majority of the stock will be in packs of 10 pre-filled syringes, GPs and hospital pharmacies are requested, as far as possible, to order in multiples of 10. Requests for smaller quantities of vaccine will be facilitated nearer the end of the campaign.

4. A number of GP practices have not yet placed an order for vaccine. I would remind all practices that orders should be placed **only** with **Movianto** - formerly Castlereagh Pharmaceuticals (contact details below) either by telephone, fax or by e-mail. Where possible, it is preferred that all orders from GP practices are **faxed or e-mailed**, using the attached form (a copy of which can be downloaded from the Department's website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/phealth).

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Influenza Vaccine - ORDER FORM

Date of Order:

Practice Code:

Practice Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone No:

Fax No:

Opening Times:

Contact Name:

Product Name	PACK SIZE	Quantity of PACKS required.
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine	10 Pre-filled syringes (i.e. 10 DOSES)	

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