

Alconbury & Brampton Surgeries

Practice Update: After 36 years in the NHS and 31 years in General Practice, Dr Francesca Lasman is retiring at the end of September 2019. Dr Lasman has been influential within the Practice as a GP and a GP trainer providing inspiration to many. As a Partner she has contributed with wit and wisdom to the practice and has also been a pivotal member of the local community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to the Practice on behalf of the staff and patients, we have no doubt she will be missed.

In anticipation of Dr Lasman's departure we will be joined by Dr Elena Kiseleva in August who will be working across both Surgeries. Dr Luke Thompson is also increasing his sessions from August onwards as we work to ensure adequate GP availability to meet our patient's needs.

Practice Growth: The practice is expanding rapidly to accommodate the additional Patients from new development in both Alconbury and Brampton. If you have moved in recently, and have not yet registered with a doctor, we would encourage you to register as soon as possible, as it makes everything easier when you need our services.

Inevitably, the additional workload may, at times, cause surges in demand for our services. If asking for an urgent appointment, please consider whether it is something which could be dealt with by telephone advice, or by another service. Please remember that NHS dentists provide emergency services for mouth problems.

New Technology: As the sending of text confirmations for appointment bookings has been so well received we are planning to extend the use of SMS messaging as a way to communicate with patients regarding appointments and results. We also intend to extend this to the use of email for correspondence where appropriate. Please ensure we have accurate mobile numbers and email addresses on your medical records.

Flu Day : We will be having two FLU DAYS this year

ALCONBURY FLU DAY -Saturday 12th October 2019 from 08.30-11am

BRAMPTON FLU DAY - Saturday 19th October 2019 from 08.30-11am

Online Access: Since the 1st of July we have made all routine GP appointments available for booking online. We encourage all patients aged 16+ to register for online appointment booking and ordering of prescriptions. You can also request online access to your medical records by filling in the appropriate form and providing our reception team with photo ID. An application for the latter will involve a GP review of your notes to ensure that they are suitable for release so please allow 4 weeks for this to be approved and ensure we have your email address on file to enable us to send you your access information electronically.

Electronic Prescription Service: We will be introducing the Electronic Prescription Service in October which will mean that your repeat requests can be managed between us and your nominated Pharmacy and/or our dispensary electronically.

Extended access: The GP federation in Huntingdon now offers our patients GP, Nurse & Health Care assistant appointments at evenings and weekends at **Brampton Surgery**. If you wish to have a routine appointment out of hours then please do ask our receptionist who can book you into this service. With effect from July 1st we are also offering lunchtime appointments to extend accessibility, please ask reception if needed.

Team Changes; In August Dr Wedian Eltom & Dr Emma Goldesgeyme leave us whilst Dr Funmilayo Dada remains and is joined by Dr Brian Fang and Dr Um-UI Banin. Dr Emma Figures also returns to the Practice for another 4 months training, whilst Dr Shilpa Nelapatla returns for 12 months.

Albram continues to work hard for the Practice by raising funds and providing an essential car service to improve access to services for local patients.

Melanie Gearing
Practice Manager
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