

ONLY FOR RECIPIENTS OF FLUCELVAX® TETRA▼

INFLUENZA VACCINE (SURFACE ANTIGEN,
INACTIVATED, PREPARED IN CELL CULTURES)

“Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and severe outcomes caused by influenza viruses.”

- WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, 2018

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU?

Flu is an acute viral respiratory infection that spreads easily from person to person. Most people will recover within a week but flu can cause severe illness, hospitalisation, or even death. The risk of serious illness as a result of infection is greater for certain people, including pregnant women, those with certain health conditions (such as chronic respiratory, heart, kidney, or liver disease), and those aged 65 years and over. From 2014 to 2019, an average of up to 17,000 annual deaths (between 1,692 and 28,330) in England were attributed to flu. As the flu virus changes every year, it is important to get vaccinated every winter if you are in one of these categories.

If you care for an older or disabled person, or are a close contact of someone whose immune system is weakened, vaccination can help reduce the risk of infection for both of you.

WHAT IS FLUCELVAX® TETRA?

FLUCELVAX® TETRA is used to prevent flu in people aged 9 years and over, and is one of the flu vaccines recommended by the NHS as being suitable for you for the 2020/21 season. Unlike other flu vaccines, it has been manufactured using cells rather than eggs.



DOES FLUCELVAX® TETRA CAUSE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all vaccines, FLUCELVAX® TETRA can cause side effects.

VERY COMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect more than 1 in 10 people):

- Pain, reddening, hardening*, or swelling* at the injection site
- Headache*
- Muscle pain*
- Tiredness*

* These side effects were common in those aged 65 years and over

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint pain
- Bruising
- Shivering

Vomiting was uncommon in those aged 65 years and over

UNCOMMON SIDE EFFECTS (May affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- Fever (More than 38°C)

Fever was common in children and adolescents

FLUCELVAX® TETRA contains inactivated virus parts, which cannot cause the flu. Flu vaccines do not protect against the common cold, which has similar symptoms to the flu.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN CASE OF ANY UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECTS?

This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk for how to report side effects.

For a full list of side effects and further advice, this should be read in conjunction with the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) available at: www.medicines.org.uk/emc