

This tear off pad contains leaflets for healthcare professionals to provide to parents and guardians of patients who have already been vaccinated with Fluenz™ Tetra (nasal spray, suspension influenza vaccine [live attenuated, nasal]).

This leaflet is not a substitute for the Patient Information Leaflet which is provided with the vaccine.

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Patient Information

What is Fluenz™ Tetra?

Fluenz Tetra is a nasal spray to help protect against influenza (flu). It is used in children and adolescents 24 months to less than 18 years of age.¹

How does Fluenz Tetra help protect children?

When a person is given this flu vaccine, the immune system (the body's natural defence system) will produce its own protection against this influenza virus.²

It's reassuring to know that none of the ingredients in this flu vaccine are likely to cause the flu.³

This flu vaccine targets four strains of influenza, and complies with the strain recommendations made by the World Health Organization every year.²

What are the possible side effects?

The flu vaccine for children has been well tolerated by most children, but some may experience side effects.⁴

Serious side effects are very rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000,000 people): severe allergic reaction – signs include shortness of breath and swelling of the face or tongue.⁴

Other possible side effects:⁴

- Very common side effects (may affect more than 1 in 10 people) are: runny or stuffy nose, reduced appetite, weakness and headache. These side effects are much less serious than developing flu or complications associated with flu.^{4,5}
- Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): fever, muscle aches
- Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people): rash, nose bleed, allergic reactions

For more detailed information on side effects, please see the Patient Information Leaflet at <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.3296.pdf>

If any of the side effects become serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

The Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) that your doctor, nurse or pharmacist can give you, or that can be found at <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.3296.pdf> contains more detailed information about side effects.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

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