

Spring 2013

RETIRAL

Dr Chisholm will be retiring from the Practice on the 31 July 2013. He joined the practice on the 1st August 1971 and after 42 years service he has now decided that the time is right to retire. We all wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him for his hard work and dedication over the years.

NEW PARTNER

Dr Steven Bishop will be joining our practice from the 1 August 2013. Dr Bishop has been working for the last few years as a GP in Dumfries and Galloway but having moved to Newton Mearns he is now looking forward to working nearer to home.

PRACTICE NAME

From the 1st August 2013 the surgery will no longer be called "Dr Chisholm and Partners". The new name will be "Strathmore Surgery". This links back to the days when our branch surgery was at Strathmore House. We hope that you all like it although we are all sure it will take a bit of getting used to for both staff and patients!

ON-LINE PRESCRIPTIONS

We have signed a contract with Vision computer services and are currently collecting patient's e-mail addresses for those who want to register on-line to order their repeat prescriptions. We hope to have this fully operational by July/August. Any patient wishing to do this please ask a member of staff for a form to fill out at the front desk.

TEST RESULTS

We hope to have test results available on-line by a similar method by the end of this year.

MEASLES VACCINATION

Following the recent Measles outbreak in England there has been a campaign to ensure that all patients under 25 years of age are fully vaccinated. If you think you or your child requires vaccination please contact the practice for further advice. Parents of pre-school children can also contact the health visitor.

ROTAVIRUS VACCINATION

Rotavirus is a virus that causes gastroenteritis (diarrhea and vomiting illness). A vaccination is to be introduced some time from July 2013. This vaccine will be offered routinely to all infants aged 2 months and again at 3 months (that is, 2 doses 4 weeks apart) when they attend for their first and second routine childhood immunization. This vaccine is given in the form of oral drops. Further information will be available from health professionals and children will automatically be called for vaccination by the health board along with the other routine childhood immunizations. It is hoped that the vaccine will also be introduced for the elderly population thereafter.