



# IIOP

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**IRISH INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY**

Call for Expressions of Interest from Training Providers for Seasonal  
Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes 2015/16

Queries relating to this EoI should be addressed in writing to [Mr. Hugh Carroll, Accreditation  
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## Introduction

Pharmacists in Ireland were authorised to provide an influenza vaccination service in a registered retail pharmacy business with effect from October 2011 arising from the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 525 of 2011) subject to meeting all criteria.

Pharmacists who wish to supply and administer the seasonal influenza vaccine for the 2015/16 winter season must successfully complete a course of training which:

- (i) Is suitable for their particular learning needs and
- (ii) Is approved by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland for the 2015-16 winter season.

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (**IIOP**) has been appointed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (**PSI, The Pharmacy Regulator**) to arrange for the process of accreditation of all courses of training for the pharmacy profession in Ireland that relate to the administration of the influenza vaccine and to the management of any adverse reaction that may follow from such administration.

## About the IIOP

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (**IIOP**) has been established by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (**PSI, The Pharmacy Regulator**) to oversee the implementation of the new continuing professional development (CPD) system in Ireland. This includes the procurement and accreditation of CPD programmes which address national learning needs identified for the pharmacy profession.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) has been awarded a four year contract by the PSI to manage the IIOP on its behalf.

## Training Requirements for 2015/16

In 2015, three courses of training are required to be accredited by the IIOP specifically for the pharmacy profession in Ireland in accordance with the PSI's *Interim Accreditation Standards for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes for Pharmacists (the Standards)*. These are:

- I. "Ab initio" training;
- II. Refresher (Level 1) training and
- III. Training on anaphylaxis management including CPR

Format and content for all courses of training are required to meet the PSI's requirements for 2015/16 (See Appendix 1) and to comply with the *PSI's Interim Accreditation Standards for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes for Pharmacists*.

## Expression of Interest

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOIP) has issued a call for Expressions of Interest from providers of seasonal influenza vaccination training programmes (SIVTP) for the 2015/16 winter season to submit applications for accreditation of *ab initio*, Refresher-Level 1 courses of training and/or training on anaphylaxis management including CPR. The IIOIP has separately procured a provider for the Refresher-Level 2 training course.

Providers who wish to be included in the accreditation process for 2015/2016 are required to confirm this intent to the IIOIP in writing by no later than the **6<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. Providers who express interest will then be supplied with Guidelines for Providers of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes 2015/16 and the relevant application form.

A completed application form for accreditation must then be submitted to the IIOIP for each relevant course, together with the required supporting documentation, by the **27<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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## ***Appendix 1: PSI Training Requirements for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training 2015/16***

### **Ab initio training for first-time vaccinators**

- Format: Self-study, online plus live component on core practical skills of vaccine administration with assessment as per PSI Council's Interim Accreditation Standards for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes for Pharmacists.
- Content: Ab initio course of training – content as required and as set out in Appendix A of the PSI Council's Interim Accreditation Standards for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes for Pharmacists (revised version approved by Council of the PSI on 26 June 2012)

### **Refresher (Level 1) training for pharmacists**

- Format: Self-study, online plus live component on core practical skills of vaccine administration with assessment.
- Content: The content will have regard to the requirements set out in Appendix A of the PSI's Interim Accreditation Standards for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training Programmes for Pharmacists but with a particular focus on relevant updates since 2014. The face-to-face aspect is to enable the pharmacist to build confidence and competence in proper vaccine administration and technique (includes assessment of need for vaccine, screening for contraindications and precautions, educating patients regarding the vaccine, appropriate documentation, and proper injection technique). Familiarisation with vaccine product specific to the 2015-16 'flu season will also feature.

### **Training on anaphylaxis management including CPR**

- Format: Must include a live component and assessment of CPR and adrenaline administration
- Content: Responses to an emergency situation as a result of the administration of influenza vaccination, including the identification and management of anaphylaxis and other adverse events following immunisation, reporting of adverse reactions/events including reporting of medication errors, training in basic life support, management of anaphylaxis, adverse reactions, and other emergencies through use of adrenaline, other drugs, devices.