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Dear Patient,

The Department of Health recommends that all patients who are aged over 65 years (as at 31st March 2012) or those who are suffering from chronic diseases such as Respiratory Disease, Diabetes, Coronary Heart Disease, Liver or Kidney Disease, those without a spleen and women who are pregnant, should have a flu vaccination. You should also have a flu vaccination if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person.

Our records show that you are in one of the above categories. Would you, therefore, please make an appointment for your flu vaccination at the earliest opportunity. **Flu clinics will run every weekday from 26th September between 2.00 and 3.30pm. We will have a Saturday morning flu clinic on 8th October. We will also be offering 'drop in' sessions on Saturday 5th November between 9 and 11, and Tuesday 4th and Thursday 13th October between 6 and 7pm. Additionally, it may not always be necessary for an appointment; subject to availability of the nursing staff, we may be able to give you your flu vaccination if you call in on weekdays or Saturday mornings.**

Last year in the UK there were a significant number of deaths relating to complications arising from flu like illnesses. Your doctor recommends in the strongest possible terms that all eligible patients have the vaccination this year.

Occasionally, the practice computerised reporting system may include a patient in one of our 'at risk' lists, inappropriately. If you have received this letter and do not understand why, please contact the practice before making an appointment and we will clarify if you need the vaccination.

If you have already made an appointment for your flu vaccination, please disregard this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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