

Search criteria

The philosophy is to keep it simple. There are approximately 60 participating practices. I will provide technical support (but my knowledge of some programs is limited), preferable by e-mail on mjoyce@iol.ie or by telephone if needed regarding these instructions at 045 891189, the best time is during the day between 2 and 3 Mon Wed or Friday. My mobile number is 086 2651644. Alternatively you can contact my nurse, Olga at krsnurse@eircom.net who helps with co-ordinating the project.

Ideally we would like to have one person from each practice specifically designated to be responsible for the project and we would liaise directly with that person. Please let us know the persons name and contact details including a mobile number to which we can send reminder texts if your return is late. We recommend that this person be a staff member and will be responsible for running the search each Monday throughout the year and sending the reply.

In outline, practices will keep track of the occurrence of influenza, chicken pox, shingles, measles, mumps, rubella and gastro-enteritis. All doctors in the practice need to be aware that they must record these items in the specified way. This will be done by using the item assessment in your everyday contacts. It is recommended including in the associated list for assessment the items

- Influenza
- Chicken Pox
- Shingles
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella

Notes: Chicken pox appears twice in the dictionaries as chickenpox and Chicken pox, the searches will pick up both so use either. If these terms are not in the associated list you can find them by clicking on the blue book or pressing Ctrl-T.