

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update John Baillie

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## GP EOI status

- HNECC PHN region = 281 Eligible applications out of 334 Accredited practices (84%)
- EOI closed and submitted to DoH for review. Practices will be advised if they have met the criteria and are eligible to administer the vaccine or not.
- Expectation is that an initial small number for practices will be selected for tranche 1 in each PHN, noting proximity to GPRC's and State health Hubs / Vaccination clinics, then increase rapidly as vaccine supplies increase.



## Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and GPRC's

- Request for information process being undertaken directly Commonwealth DoH
- Advice expected this week on the outcome

## Pharmacy EOI

- EOI process – PHN's don't have visibility over this EOI this is being led by Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA)
- This EOI is solely intended to identify individual community pharmacies capable of participating from Phase 2 of the rollout to commence from May 2021.
- This EOI closes 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021



## Questions

### When will the mandatory training be available?

Answer - The core training module is available now with the Astra Zeneca specific module will be available once the TGA approve the vaccine. The Pfizer module may be of interest but is not relevant for general practices.

### Can Medicare be billed if the patient is seen by a nurse and not seen by GP?

Answer – Clarification has been sought from DoH, advice expected this week.  
There is no separate Nurse item number for Medicare



## Questions

Can a registered nurse who is not an authorised immuniser administer the vaccine ?

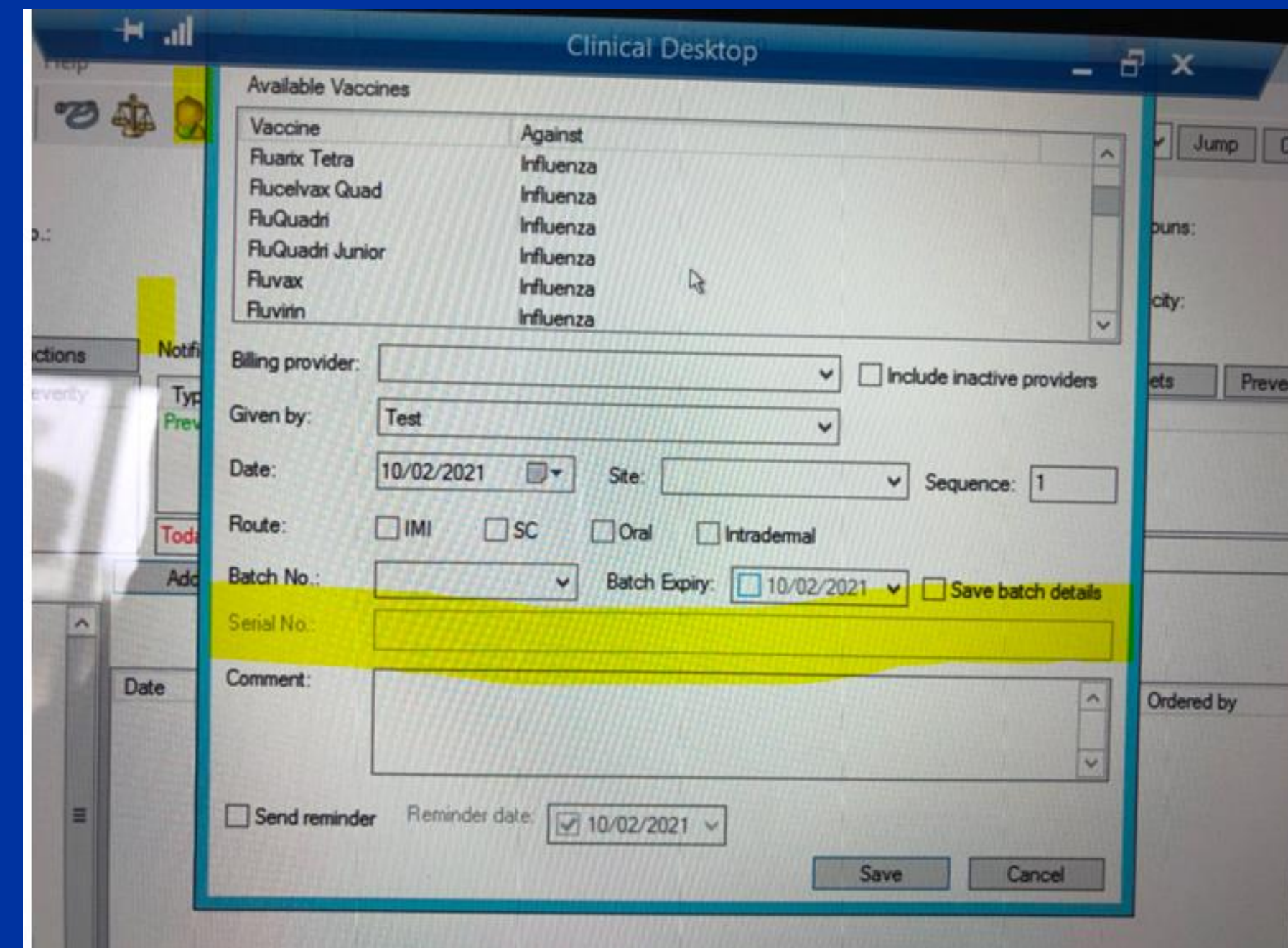
Answer – The EOI requires that the vaccine be administered by a jurisdiction “authorised immuniser”, clarification is being sought from NSW Health on this issue.



## Questions

### Will we need bar code scanner?

Answer – We are aware that the clinical desktop software has been update to include a “serial field” (108 characters long). in addition to the ‘batch number “. The PHN will test scanning into the field and advise if this works, noting at this stage we do not know the “ bar code format” i.e. linear barcode v’s Qr codes V’s numerical digits





## Questions

### Can we co-bill for a consultation

Answer - For 1b the advice is that no co-billing is permitted, no advice has been received for phases 2 onwards.

**For noting:** the Pharmacy EOI for phases 2 onwards states

*“Consistent with the Australian Government’s commitment that the vaccine will be free, community pharmacies will not be permitted to charge patient co-payments for vaccine administration.*

*Where any part of a service is delivered through any other Federal, state or territory, or private program, the service cannot be claimed through this program.”*



Questions



What are the requirements for immunisation certificates?

Answer – A patient can get their immunisation history statement (certificate) either: Medicare online account through myGov or Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

