Dear all,

There has been a minor change in the process for undertaking occupational related vaccinations at UQ. Prior to UQ Health Care taking over the University Health Service, the Occupational Health Nurse Advisor (OHNA) within the UQ Health, Safety and Wellness Division administered vaccinations to UQ staff pertaining to their employment. The OHNA administered vaccinations in accordance with the Immunisation program certificate approved for the former University Health Service. The UHS Immunisation Program Certificate expired at the end of November 2017 and we are unable to establish one with UQ Health Care.

Since the UHS approval expiry, the OHNA has referred any occupational related vaccination requests to Dr Tony Arklay.

The change in the service has however resulted in some queries from University Schools, Institutes and research groups about some recent unexpected increases in vaccination costs to them. Previously school and research group cost centres were invoiced only for the cost of the vaccine administered by the OHNA. Some areas have recently been charged a “professional services” fee by UQ Health Care for the medical consultation service of conducting the vaccination (a charge of $75 in most cases), as well as for the cost of the vaccine.

From today we have confirmed the following arrangements:

1. Continue to refer cases to the OHNA.
2. The OHNA will arrange a referral to Dr Arklay at UQ Health Care.
3. Any occupational related vaccination consultations that Dr Arklay conducts will be part of the service agreement that is currently in place between UQ and UQ Health Care (for occupational health related services). The UQ organisational unit will not be charged, except for the cost of the actual vaccine. However if one of the other GPs conduct the consultation, UQ Health Care will need to charge a consultation fee of $75. This may need to occur when Dr Arklay is unavailable due to leave etc, or if the vaccination is urgent and Dr Arklay is unavailable.

OHS managers, please forward this to the relevant personnel in your areas e.g. WHSCs.

If you have any further queries please contact Fiona Coulthard or Carolyn Spiertz on 3365 4883 or ohna@uq.edu.au

Regards, Jim

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