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Dear Doctors Enrolled in the VSS,

**(i) Presentation materials and (ii) Post-event Quiz for Briefing Session on
Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination/ Pneumococcal
Vaccination, Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) 2022/23 and
Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS)**

Thank you for attending the briefing sessions on Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination/ Pneumococcal Vaccination, Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) 2022/23 and Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS) held on 23 June 2022 (Thu) and 28 June 2022 (Tue).

Presentation materials

The presentation materials about VSS and clinical waste management for the briefing sessions are now available on the website of Centre for Health Protection (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/101401.html>).

Please note the following salient updates for the VSS 2022/23 season for your information and early preparation for the coming VSS 2022/23:

1. **Influenza transmission** could increase when the non-pharmaceutical interventions and travel restrictions are lifted, leading to potential co-circulation of influenza and SARS-CoV-2, with additional burden on vulnerable populations and health systems. It is important to ensure that people who are at greater risk of influenza infection (e.g. health workers, older adults and pregnant women) are prioritised to receive seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV).
2. Flexibility could be exercised to provide COVID-19 vaccines with SIV **on the same visit** under informed consent.

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3. Enrolled doctors must **maintain listing** in the Primary Care Directory (PCD) for continue enrolment in VSS in the 2022/23 season.
4. All enrolled VSS doctors have to use **Purpose-built vaccine refrigerators (PBVR)** for vaccine storage by 2023/24 (may start in around October 2023).
5. **Subsidy levels** under VSS:
 - i. Seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) - HK\$260 per dose
 - ii. 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23vPPV) - HK\$400 per dose
 - iii. 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) - HK\$800 per dose
 - iv. SIV, 23vPPV, PCV13: Enrolled doctors may charge extra fee
 - v. Sinovac vaccine - HK\$100 per dose for persons < 60 years old (calendar year); HK\$150 dose dose for persons > or = 60 years old (calendar year); Enrolled doctors should not charge extra fee
6. **e-consent** for SIV/ pneumococcal vaccination will be implemented in VSS 2022/23, details would be provided in due course.
7. Service Provider **eHealth System (Subsidies) login using iAM SMART** (Optional) has been implemented since May 2022.

Post-event Quiz

To facilitate the application for CME accreditation for your participation in the briefing sessions, please fill in the Post-event Quiz at (<https://forms.gle/icJyVejCcwT11Qbp6>) **on or before 10 July 2022 (Sun)**.

Thank you again for your support to VSS.

For enquiry, please contact the Programme Management and Vaccination Division at 2125 2299, or via email (vacs@dh.gov.hk).

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