**Your Patient has an Immunodeficiency Disorder – Information for GPs**

Your patient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been diagnosed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This is a [Primary Immunodeficiency Disorder](https://www.immunodeficiencyuk.org/immunodeficiency/primary-immunodeficiency/) (PID) and is rare. As with other rare diseases, PIDs are not often encountered by GPs, or by many hospital specialists, and some patients have a long journey to diagnosis.

Once a patient is diagnosed, they are often relieved to have an explanation for their chronic ill health but also need support in coming to terms with their condition. They may feel anxious and need a lot of reassurance.

As people with a PID have difficulty in fighting off infections they will often need prompt, vigorous and prolonged treatment with antibiotics. Some patients will need prophylactic antibiotics especially if they have complications like bronchiectasis.

GPs may find it helpful to ensure that patients have ease of access, and that all clinicians and other practice staff are aware that early intervention is essential to prevent worsening infections and complications.

It is also important to be aware that PID patients have a higher incidence of autoimmune diseases and malignancies than other people, and it is advisable to have a low threshold for implementing investigations.

Most patients with a PID are treated with intravenous or subcutaneous Immunoglobulins, supervised by their immunology team, and may occasionally need input from their GP in facilitating this.

There is a lot of information for patients and health professionals on the [Immunodeficiency UK](https://www.immunodeficiencyuk.org/) web site, including the downloadable booklet [‘A Guide for General Practitioners’](https://www.immunodeficiencyuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/GuideforGPs.pdf) which you will find useful.

Your patient is under the care of the Immunology Team at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please do not hesitate to contact the team with any queries, we should be really pleased to hear from you!

**Contact details**

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