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**For attention of GP practices and hospitals:**

**Third vaccine dose for patients with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN)**

The UK government has announced that severely immunosuppressed adults and children aged 12+ should get a third COVID vaccine dose. This is different from the national booster programme.

The definition of “severely immunosuppressed” has been left to medical judgement in some conditions and in particular blood cancers, of which there are many and very diverse treatments.

The haematology community in the UK working with charities such as MPN Voice, Blood Cancer UK and the British Society of Haematology has reviewed data for severity of COVID-19 and responsiveness to vaccines for patients with MPN and agrees that all these patients should be offered a third dose regardless of what treatment they are receiving. MPNs are a family of conditions including:

Essential Thrombocythaemia (ET)  
Polycythaemia Vera (PV)  
Myelofibrosis (MF) either primary or secondary  
MPN unclassified  
MPN overlap.

We would be grateful if you could support patients with these conditions in obtaining a third dose COVID vaccine.

**Signed:**

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