



The UKPIPS 'Z' Card

What is a 'Z' Card?

This fantastic little document is the size of a credit card and therefore ideal for a purse or wallet. It contains vital information about you as a patient in the event you find yourself in a hospital A&E Department or a GP Surgery where Primary Immune Deficiency (PID) disorders are little known or fully understood.



Why do I need one?

The UKPIPS 'Z' Card has been designed from the outset to provide

MAXIMUM INFORMATION for any clinician treating a patient with a Primary Antibody PAD) or Primary Immune Deficiency (PID). It has been created with them in mind, has taken over a year to develop and is the result of extensive research and cost. Because PID in its many forms is classified as a Rare Disease, it is unwise for any PAD or PID patient to assume the majority of doctors or nurses will be fully aware of many aspects and treatment methods of this condition. Because of this, UKPIPS feels it is necessary for a patient to have the means to inform clinicians of their very special medical needs and treatment history. The UKPIPS 'Z' Card provides the Clinician with vital information about you and your condition.

How would I use it?

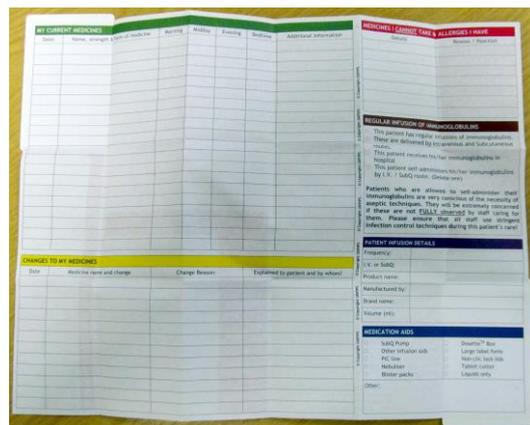
Printed on both sides, the 'Z' Card provides details of:

- The patient's Consultant Immunologist
- Where the Consultant Immunologist is based
- Critical contact numbers and names of key immunology personnel in case of emergency
- Patient next of kin details
- The patient's current range of medications
- Details of former medications which can no longer be prescribed – and why
- Medications which cannot be prescribed and allergies the patient may have
- The patient's immunoglobulin infusion methods, if self-administered by I.V. or SubQ routes
- The patient's immunoglobulin product and brand names, the manufacturer and the volume of immunoglobulin you usually infuse
- Other medication aids you may need to use.

With your 'Z' Card, you will receive a simple explanatory leaflet giving ideas and suggestions of how to keep it safe, how you should use your 'Z' Card if you require medical attention at any A&E Department, and what to do if attending a GP surgery while away from home on business or holiday.

If you would like a 'Z' Card, please send a stamped addressed envelope to the address at the bottom of the page and mark your outgoing envelope with "Send me a 'Z' Card" in the top left hand corner.

Remember, if you or your child has a Primary Antibody or Primary Immune Deficiency **YOU NEED A UKPIPS 'Z' CARD** to help a Doctor or Nurse to help you in your continuing treatment! To do this effectively, these people will need input from your own Clinical Immunologist or Nurse Specialist at your own Immunology Clinic.



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