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LETTERS

MMR VACCINATION AND EGG ALLERGY

Authors' reply to Elliman and Bedford and Duncan and colleagues

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With respect to the point raised by Elliman and Bedford,¹ the word constraints of the article prevented any detailed discussion about the types of vaccine related reactions that may warrant a specialist assessment or vaccination under specialist supervision.² In any case, because of the array of possible adverse reactions to various vaccinations it would be impractical and ill advised to try to provide an exhaustive list. Rather, given that GPs and their teams have considerable experience with vaccinating infants, we suggest that any reactions that cause clinicians undue concern should be discussed with a specialist colleague before administration of further vaccinations. We

agree that in most cases it will ultimately prove safe to proceed with further vaccinations.³

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