

COVID-19 Library – Auckland PHO Website

We appreciate that there is a myriad of COVID-19 information arriving into your in-box and much of it can be lost or overlooked. In order to manage the documents and information, we have set up a COVID-19 library on the Auckland PHO website. Here is the link.

<https://aucklandpho.co.nz/covid19library/>

There is also a separate area on the page for webinars.

The page will reflect the date the COVID-19 Fast Facts and relevant information you may wish to reference at a later date.

Next Auckland PHO Network Zoom Meeting

There seems to be webinars and Zooms occurring on a daily basis and while it is important to stay up to date, we are sure you are all a bit 'webbed and zoomed' out! We also appreciate that many would like to connect via Zoom and we are planning a Zoom meeting on Monday 20th April at 5.30pm. Joining details to follow.

COVID-19: New approach for Aged Residential Care

In response to international and local experience of the impact of COVID-19 on aged residential care facilities, the Northern Region DHBs have released new guidance.

This guidance is aligned with the Ministry of Health and will be available on the ARPHS website today

(www.arphs.health.nz/coronavirus)

To protect this vulnerable group, we request general practices that care for residents in aged care facilities undertake the following:

1. **Apply a low clinical threshold for assessment and swabbing of symptomatic residents – within 6 hours of symptom onset**
2. **Use clinical judgement to apply a low threshold for resident admission to hospital**
3. **Assess your individual and practice capacity to respond to the above.** If you have immediate concerns about your capacity, please contact us on the email below.

Payment for assessments and swabbing will be via the usual POAC process.

Our approach is designed to protect the most vulnerable people. Thank you for the work you are doing to protect our community.

The latest COVID-19 from the MoH

On 10 April, the Ministry of Health published an updated quick reference guide for primary care. This includes advice on the case definition, infection prevention, clinical care, cleaning and management. Click here to read the **updated quick reference guide**. The document is also attached.

COVID-19 Update –Heart Foundation Covid 19- Clinical and Patient Resources

Covid-19 and CVD clinical resources

The Heart Foundation have put together a **collection of resources** on Covid-19 and cardiovascular disease for health professionals and related information for patients. It includes the latest New Zealand advice for managing Covid-19, as well as resources and early research on the virus from international organisations, including the European Society of Cardiology, the American College of Cardiology and the World Health Organisation.

Cardiovascular disease and Covid-19: Australian and New Zealand consensus statement – April 2020

A **consensus statement** summarising current available data on Covid-19 and cardiovascular disease has been published in the Medical Journal of Australia. The statement highlights issues of Covid-19 complications in cardiac patients and advises health services on ways they can minimise transmission risk while continuing to deliver cardiac care.

The Heart Foundation have a dedicated **"section on our website"** which provides some information for your patients.

The Heart Foundation will continue to work remotely, so you can still access our clinical team and Heart Health Advocates for enquiries.

Webinars and Online CME

Zoom Webinar – Next stages for CBACs

Date: **Wednesday, 15th April 2020**

Time: **5.30pm – 6.30pm**

- Speakers:
- **Dr Ashley Bloomfield**, Director General of Health
 - **Dr Jeff Lowe**, Chair of GPNZ, Clinical Lead Health Care Home Collaborative
 - **Dr Gary Jackson**, Director of Population Health, Counties Manakau DHB – Gary will be presenting on Covid modelling and the NZ Epidemic curve to set the scene.
 - **Dr Pauline Horrill**, GP and ex-MSF emergency and programs manager – Pauline will be presenting on 10 things to consider in community epidemic response
 - **Dr Nigel Millar**, Southern District Health Board Chief Medical Officer - The concept of CBAC in the context of a growing pandemic – still relevant even though there has been some flattening of numbers

Register in advance for this webinar by using this link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ry0b_InMTeilZDWGlzdb9g

Free Live Training Webinar - Electronic Prescribing in your Practice

Date: **Thursday, 16 April 2020**

Time: **2pm-3pm**

- Topics:
- Pre-requisites required for Electronic Prescribing
 - Activation and Setup
 - Prescribing Processes
 - NZePS Messages and Statuses
 - How to configure ePrescribing to go Paperless

Register for the Training Webinar [here](#)

A recording of the Training

A recording of the training – the platform to share **General Practice Financial/Business Model**. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/UMEAnev7FM>. We also recommend that you start 3 mins into the recording. this is when Chris begins the training on the General Practice Financial / Business Model.

Zoom Webinar – Cardiovascular Disease and COVID-19

Date: **Thursday, 16 April 2020**

Time: **7pm – 8.30pm**

Co-chairs: **Dr Fiona Stewart, Dr Ruvin Gabriel, Dr Mark Thomas**

Expert Panel: **Dr Gary Jackson, Dr Andrew Martin, Dr Jith Somaratne, Dr Tim Sutton, Dr Colin Edwards**

Registration: Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3Q3sy1jJQ3eUWCVb2i3KCg

Please see attached document for further information.