

POAC CLAIMS – MESSAGE FROM THE DHBS

Unfortunately, the payment for the first lot of Covid-19 primary care reimbursements which was due Wednesday will now be paid to Clinical Assessments Limited (who manage POAC) this evening (Friday evening). This means that the initial POAC payment to practices for the period 19 March to 20 April 2020 will be made on Monday 18 May.

The DHBS sincerely apologise for this further delay which we understand is due to a processing issue. Their finance team is urgently working to rectify the issue to ensure it does not occur for the next and subsequent Covid-19 activity reimbursements through POAC.

They acknowledge that this is a major inconvenience to already stretched and stressed general practices.

PATIENT SEPARATION PROCEDURES – PRACTICE ASSESSMENT TOOL

Carol emailed a paper **Strategies to identify and deliver care for Vulnerable Patients and gradually resume National Screening Programmes during Covid-19 National Emergency Alerts Level 3 onwards for practices** to review and digest.

Along with this paper, a separate paper entitled **Patient Separation Procedures – Practice Assessment Tool** was also attached.

Auckland PHO are waiting to receive the Metro Auckland DHB guidance on how 'red' and 'green' streaming may further be implemented. In the meantime, you may wish to review the systems your practice has in place to separate the "red" from the "green" streams and whether this can become business as usual.

Please can you complete this short exercise by COB 18/5/20. This will help to identify which areas may need the support of alternative pathways for care in the event of a further outbreak and also as we get closer to winter respiratory illness.

Any questions, please contact Carol Ennis (Clinical Quality Manager) Carol@aucklandpho.co.nz

BUDGET 2020

You will be aware that there was no specific mention about additional Primary Care funding in the budget announcements yesterday which is disappointing. Auckland PHO along with GPNZ are advocating on behalf of general practices to the MoH/Government to invest in not just fund Primary Care.

We will keep you updated!

INFLUENZA VACCINE UPDATE

More influenza vaccine stock is expected next week. Afluria Quad will be available on a regular basis – be in quick with orders though, as stock is limited.

Congratulations are in order to Auckland PHO general practices as you are closing the equity gap for influenza vaccinations for Maori and Pacific people 65+ years. Our PHO has highest rates across the Auckland Region Auckland.

| DHB | Total | Māori | Pacific |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ADHB | 54% | 34% | 64% |
| CMDHB | 55% | 47% | 62% |
| WDHB | 55% | 43% | 66% |
| National | 61% | 52% | 61% |

| PHO | Total | Māori | Pacific |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Auckland PHO Limited | 61% | 65% | 62% |

VOUCHERS FOR COVID-19 RELATED EQUIPMENT

A voucher to the value of \$200 will be emailed to practice owners/managers today to assist with COVID-19 related equipment – this can include equipment you have bought or intend to buy including Perspex screens for reception areas.

You will also receive a list of reception screen suppliers if you wish to purchase screens.

The voucher outlines the process for reimbursement of equipment.

If you have queries about the vouchers, contact Suzanne Le Lievre suzanne@aucklandpho.co.nz

NEW REFERRAL PROCESS FOR EARLY PREGNANCY ASSESSMENT CLINICS

Primary Care can now refer women to the DHB Early Pregnancy Assessment clinics (EPAC/EPAU) using a new, specifically designated e-Referral form: Early Pregnancy Clinic. The Auckland Regional HealthPathway for [Early Pregnancy Assessment](#) has been updated to reflect this new eReferral process.

This referral is for haemodynamically stable patients only and the HealthPathway provides the DHB-specific referral criteria. Please follow up your eReferral with a phone call to the service.

Please do not fax referrals.

