

IMMUNISATION UPDATE

Brand Changes effective 1st July 2020 and Immunisation Updates

PCV10

PCV10 will no longer be given at 3 months from 1 July 2020. PCV10 vaccine will change from a 3+1 (three primary doses with a booster dose) to a 2+1 (two primary doses with booster) primary series.

From 1 July 2020, children who have not yet had their 6 week or 3 month immunisations will be on the 2+1 series (ie 6 weeks, 5 months plus booster dose).

PCV13

The special groups pneumococcal high-risk programme PCV13 vaccine will continue to be given at 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months with the booster at 12 months.

Hep B

All HBVaxPro to be replaced with Engerix B 20mcg. This will now be the only funded Hep B vaccine available for all age groups.

Varicella (Varilrix)

Varicella/Varilrix is changing brands to Varivax. There is no change to the schedule and will continue to be given at 15 months and 11 years (for those patients who have never had a Varicella vaccination or have no history of having chicken pox).

ADT

ADT vaccine will be delisted from 1st October 2020 and will be replaced with Tdap – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis. This will include ACC wound claims for up to four doses in a lifetime.

Tdap is required for 45-year-olds that have not had four doses of Td (Tetanus and Diphtheria) in their lifetime.

Boostrix remains unchanged for pregnant woman and is recommended and funded from the second trimester (16 weeks) in every pregnancy to protect baby from whooping cough.

If you have any queries regarding this update, contact Louise Goodall Child Health Coordinator louise@aucklandpho.co.nz or immunisation@health.govt.nz

POAC MANAGEMENT OF CELLULITIS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVE ULCERATION IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETIC FOOT DISEASE

Updated management criteria agreed by the POAC Clinical Governance Group for the Management of Cellulitis Associated with Active Ulceration in Patients with Diabetic Foot Disease is now available. See attachment (1) for the background and full guidance.

For any questions or feedback please contact Sarah Hyder; Regional Nurse Advisor POAC; sarahh@easthealth.co.nz

TESTING ASSOCIATED WITH LATEST COVID-19 CASES

Testing to support the recent positive COVID-19 cases in a managed isolation facility is underway. Patients who are associated with the Novotel Ellerslie hotel may present to general practice for testing.

Where possible, direct these patients to a community-based assessment centre (CBAC). If there are CBAC access issues or if you are concerned, they will not present to a CBAC for testing, then they can be tested at the practice.

This should be claimed via the usual POAC process of a simple swab/no assessment.

If you elect to test these patients, write the code 'SURV-NELL' on the lab form.

Send feedback to Dr Sarah Hartnall – COVID-19 Incident Management Team

Sarah.hartnall@waitematadhb.govt.nz

CHARGING FOR DHB FUNDED MASKS

We have received a few complaints from the public that they are being charged for masks when they see a GP/Practice Nurse. Please note that as your PPE is supplied and funded by DHBs/MoH, you must not charge patients for masks.

REPORTS OF CONCERN MADE TO ORANGA TAMARIKI NOW AVAILABLE ON TESTSAFE

Effective 1 June 2020, new “Reports of Concern” made to Oranga Tamariki by the Auckland DHB will be visible on Testsafe. These are notifications that Auckland DHB staff members send to Oranga Tamariki when they have concerns that a child might be at risk of abuse or neglect.

Until now, they were accessible only in Auckland DHB clinical notes and a child’s GP might be unaware of these concerns. This improves our sharing of such information with GPs, which was previously limited largely to Child Protection Reports for children seen by Te Puaruruhau, the Starship Child Protection Team.

A “Report of Concern” does not necessarily require any action from you. Like all health information, it should be interpreted in context and treated with discretion. Almost always, the family knows about the concerns expressed and knows that a “Report of Concern” was made. In a few cases they might not. You can always contact Te Puaruruhau or the Auckland DHB child protection co-ordinator for more information.

A summary of the process that Oranga Tamariki may follow after a Report of Concern has been received is available: <https://www.occ.org.nz/assets/Uploads/20200116-OCC-ProcessMap.pdf>

Training and information available: Kati Wilson, ADHB Child Protection Co-ordinator, katiw@adhb.govt.nz, 021 827 409; Te Puaruruhau, TEP@adhb.govt.nz, 09 307 2860.

Please send feedback to Stuart.Jenkins@waitematadhb.govt.nz

GP REASONABLE FEES INCREASE TEMPLATE 2020/2021

PHOs have been advised of the Annual Statement of Reasonable GP fee Increase effective 1 July 2020.

The report by the independent company Sapere advises a total fee adjustment rate of 3.51% for the 2020/21 year.

We are currently awaiting the corresponding electronic fees templates which are due next week Friday and will notify you as soon as these become available.

We strongly suggest practices consider increasing their patient co-pays in line with the annual allowable increase each year. Please do not increase your fees without completing the templates and authorisation from the ADHB.

MOPS POINTS FOR AUCKLAND PHO ZOOM COVID-19 MEETING ATTENDANCE

During the months of March and April 2020 Auckland PHO held two COVID-19 update meetings via Zoom on the following dates:

- 23rd of March 2020 at 1.30pm
- 20th of April 2020 at 5.30pm

If you attended either of these meetings and would like to receive MOPS points please send the following details to Suzanne@aucklandpho.co.nz

Name, NZMC number and the dates you attended, and we will ensure MOPS points are assigned for you.

WDHB PRIMARY CARE CONNECTIONS EDUCATION SESSION CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

General practitioners and practice nurses are invited to attend the Child and Youth Mental Health WDHB Primary Care Connections education session via Zoom webinar.

Date: Monday 30th June 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 7.45pm

To register, please click on the [link here](#) and record your details. Upon registration you will receive a confirmation email which gives the Zoom connection details. The programme for the session is attached.

Attendees will be able to submit queries in advance via the registration process and during the zoom session via the chat function. The presenters will provide feedback on the evening and follow up after the session if required.

Please also note this event qualifies for continuing medical education (CME) points. Certificates will be emailed out for nursing portfolios.

Please contact Keryn Bradley by Monday 29th June should you have any queries: keryn.bradley@waitematadhb.govt.nz

VIRTUAL SHARED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT (SMA) WEBINAR

Learn about practical tips and tricks on how to get started as well as the benefits of SMAs for patients and providers

This Health Care Home Collaborative webinar will be delivered in collaboration with Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine

What are Shared Medical Appointments (SMAs)

SMAs are a series of consecutive individual medical consultations in a supportive group setting where all can listen, interact, and learn.

SMAs are also called group visits and are an evolving way of managing chronic disease in primary care. An SMA is both an individual consultation and an informal group education session. These are now being delivered virtually across New Zealand and Australia.

Date: Thursday, 2nd July 2020

Time: 5.00pm – 6pm

Panelists include:

- **Professor Garry Egger** - Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine and Professor of Health and Human Sciences at Southern Cross University Australia
- **Associate Professor John Stevens** - Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine and Associate Professor and Health scientist (Adj.) Southern Cross University's School of Health and Human Sciences in Australia
- **Dr Andrew Miller** - Clinical lead Health Care Home Collaborative, Chair Mahitahi Hauora, GP, Northland DHB
- **Dr Glen Davies** - GP Taupo Medical Centre

RSVP by clicking: [here](#). A recording will be made available on the [HCH YouTube Channel](#) shortly afterwards.

ETHNIC INEQUALITY IN NSAID HARM IN NZ" STUDY PUBLISHED APOLOGY AND RETRACTION TO DR LISA ESKILDSEN

Last Friday, a document provided by Dr Lisa Eskildsen was inadvertently attached (Calder Centre Audit Summary) to the Friday Facts instead of a published study about Harm from NSAID. The title "Secondary Prevention Audit Summary and Implications for the PHO" should not have been attached. The title to the section was incorrect (Secondary Prevention Audit Summary Implications for the PHO) and did not match the content – Ethnic inequality in non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug-associated harm in New Zealand: A national population-based cohort study. The correct document is now attached see attachment (2).

We unreservedly apologise to Dr Lisa Eskildsen who shared the information with the PHO in confidence.

We have reviewed our processes for publication to ensure correct information is published and shared with the network.



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