

### SHARING PATIENT RECORDS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Nine GP clinics in Auckland have had to temporarily close due to contact with a positive COVID-19 case. This is a challenging experience for any clinic. Closure necessitates that clinics, at short notice, provide alternative arrangements for patients to be seen elsewhere until they can re-open.

Clinics who are signed up to 'Your Health Summary' (YHS) could find this situation easier to manage as a summary of the patient records can be shared with accredited clinicians; facilitating safe and secure transfer of care.

YHS provides a long-term solution that means health records are maintained in real time if a patient needs to seek healthcare outside of their usual general practice, for example in an Urgent Care Clinic or during a hospital admission.

Many of Auckland PHO clinics have signed up to Your Health Summary – thank you. For those that are yet to, we ask you to consider 'Your Health Summary', the regional solution for sharing health information. To find out more, please visit [www.yourhealthsummary.org.nz](http://www.yourhealthsummary.org.nz) or email [contact@yourhealthsummary.org.nz](mailto:contact@yourhealthsummary.org.nz). You can find the [agreement forms here](#). Please return signed agreement forms to [contact@yourhealthsummary.org.nz](mailto:contact@yourhealthsummary.org.nz)

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### GNPZ NEWSLETTER 1 OCTOBER 2020

GNPZ, the General Practice Advocacy and Support organisation that Auckland PHO belongs to have published their fortnightly newsletter

<https://gpnz.org.nz/news/gpnz-newsletter-october-1-2020/>

### LABORATORY UPDATE

Please [follow this link](#) to view our latest laboratory update.

This contains:

- Collection Centre services for COVID-19 alert level 2
- Replacement of faxing for test results, requests and consumable ordering
- Correct labelling of specimens to avoid the need for recollection

### BREAST SCREENING

The Ministry of Health is setting up a new breast screening service in central Auckland after BreastScreen Auckland Ltd (BSAL) gave notice it will be ending its contract in February 2021.

BSAL has provided the service for 21 years from its BreastScreen Aotearoa clinic in St Marks Road, Remuera, and an associated mobile unit.

Around 67,000 women in central Auckland aged 45 to 69 years will be affected by the change. The priority for both the Ministry and BSAL is to continue to provide a quality breast screening service for women and to achieve a seamless transition.

To ensure women can continue to attend BreastScreen Aotearoa screening services locally, the Ministry is working to set up an alternative service and has set up a project team and is supporting the commissioning of the required premises, resources and staff to take over the screening service when the BSAL contract ends.

Women who are due to have a mammogram provided by the Remuera clinic or mobile unit should attend appointments as scheduled. Women will be kept fully informed about the timeline for the switch of services and where they will go for mammograms in future.

Women concerned about their breast health should be advised see a doctor, as soon as they can, and not wait until their next mammogram.

### WOMENS HEALTH STUDY

Well Women and Family Trust are offering a Womens Health Study Day on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 – please see attachment (5).

This study is particularly suited to Primary Health Care Nurses and GPs with an interest in Womens Health, (including Cervical Screening).

<https://www.wons.org.nz/training/>



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