

NOTIFICATION OF NZNO INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT LABTESTS COLLECTION CENTRES TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2021

Labtests and NZNO have a collective agreement for Patient Services staff. Bargaining was initiated in June 2020. Since then bargaining meetings have been held, offers have been made and mediation was held in January 2021.

At the most recent meeting on 23 March 2021, Labtests made an increased offer that NZNO agreed to take to members for ratification. NZNO indicated that it believed the offer would be viewed favourably by its members. Despite this progress, on the same day, NZNO issued a strike notice for full withdrawal of labour for Tuesday 6 April 2021.

The strike notice will only be withdrawn if the offer is ratified, and this ratification process is underway. However as this is a short week in the lead up to Easter public holidays, if ratification is not achieved by Thursday 1 April, then the 24 hour strike will go ahead on Tuesday 6 April (Easter Tuesday).

Planning is underway to minimise service disruption and inconvenience to patients. However it is inevitable there will be collection centres closed if available staff numbers mean Labtests cannot operate at safe staffing levels.

Labtests ask referrers if there are patients who need to attend a collection centre on Tuesday 6 April to please check the Labtests website for the updated list of collection centres that will be open and their operating hours. <https://www.labtests.co.nz/collection-centres/>

[NZNO Industrial action Labtests 210329.pdf](#) [404.2 KB]

MESSAGES FROM THE DG HEALTH, Dr ASHLEY BLOOMFIELD

See attachment (1).

JOINT COMMUNITY CME CNE EVENT FOR IMMUNISATION PROVIDERS

Topic: **Online Community Immunisation Update - What you need to know!**

Date and time: Wednesday, 7 April 2021 / 7 - 9pm

Venue: Via [zoom](#)

2 MOPs points will be available for attending this session (certificate on request). Please see attachment (2) for further information.

BURN MANAGEMENT FOR PRIMARY CARE 2021 COURSE – REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Date: Saturday, 28 August, 2021, 9am – 4pm

Where: Villa Maria Estate, Manukau, Auckland

Who can attend: Primary health professionals, emergency and urgent care physicians and nursing staff involved in providing care for burned patients in the community.

This one-day intensive course, presented by The National Burn Centre, will cover topics such as practical initial management of a small to moderate burn wound, advances in dressings and wound management, scar management, pain management, rehabilitation, and much more.

For more information and to register, please view the flyer below. [Burns primary care flyer 19-02-2021.pdf](#) [355.9 KB]

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Our DSME courses are designed to benefit patients newly diagnosed with diabetes along with those who need additional support to manage their long-term condition. Our course covers - what diabetes is, complications, medications, keeping active, understanding tests, foot care, food choices, label reading and goal setting.

Living with diabetes can be scary and confusing and feedback from our course participants is extremely positive, patients feel they are less afraid and more empowered having gained the knowledge and skills to make some major lifestyle changes with a better understanding of diabetes.

Upcoming courses:

GRAFTON

Date available:

Friday, 16th April 2021

Saturday 17th April 2021

Saturday 1st May 2021 *Cantonese & Mandarin run workshop*

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Venue: Auckland PHO, Level 4, 210 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton

ONEHUNGA

Date: Saturday, 22nd May 2021

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Venue: Beeson Room, Onehunga Community Centre, 83 Church Street, Onehunga

SANDRINGHAM

Date: Saturday, 10th June 2021

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Venue: Kotare Room, Wesley Community Centre, 740 Sandringham Road Extn, Sandringham

To refer patients, you can complete the DSME outbox form (attachment 3) and fax or email it to

Saphiya@aucklandpho.co.nz

If you have any queries or require further information about DSME please contact Saphiya@aucklandpho.co.nz

AUCKLAND CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Auckland Chinese Medical Association are group of registered medical doctors. They are holding a conference this year open to all doctors, nurses, students, and allied health professionals.

Date: Saturday, 8th May 2021

Time: 08.00 – 17.15

Venue: Zoom OR Highbrook Conference Centre, 60 Highbrook Drive, East Tamaki, Auckland

Keynote Speakers: **Dr Renee Liang and Professor Shanthy Ameratunga** - On The Case of the Invisible Asian

Please click [here](#) to see conference program

Register online: acma.org.nz/acmaconf2021

For further information, please see attachment (4)