

DUAL CLAIMING FOR ZOSTAVAX® and FLUAD® QUAD WHEN GIVEN AT THE SAME VISIT IS NOW AUTOMATED

Up to now, when another funded vaccine is given at the same visit, only one immunisation benefit can be claimed. We are pleased to advise that there is now an automated dual claiming process to allow immunisation benefit claims to be accepted when administering **Zostavax** and **influenza** vaccines at the same visit and is fully automated within all PMS systems. Further information on claiming funded vaccines can be found here : <https://www.influenza.org.nz/claiming>

If you have any queries or require further information contact Shanaz Khan, Immunisation Services Coordinator on **021 246 6510** or email shanaz@aucklandpho.co.nz

N95 Fit Testing

Dr Charlotte Harris, Auckland PHO Clinical Director, sent an email with an update on N95 mask fit testing, Health & Safety Legislation, ordering and the Declaration form. If you haven't read or received the email, [click here](#)

AUCKLAND PHO INFORMATION LIBRARY

The Auckland PHO Library is slowly gaining documents and new to the Library this week are:

[MMR Catch - up Funding](#)

[Forms, HR and PHO Support](#) - new page and has the Auckland PHO Health Questionnaires for Adult, Youth and Child. These are recommended when a new patient enrolls.

We are building the HR file – this has generic Position Descriptions for practice staff. Currently Nurse Leader and next week Practice Nurse a Position Description will be loaded.

To access the Library go to <https://aucklandpho.co.nz/auckland-pho-library/programmes-services-and-information/>
password: aucklandpho

GP2GP PATIENT RECORD TRANSFER ISSUES

The quality of patient records being transferred between general practice successfully is an extremely important requirement in primary care. Over the past few months GPs have highlighted several quality issues within the electronic GP2GP patient transfers. As a result, Patients First invited all PMS vendors to a meeting to resolve these issues. Unfortunately, due to work loads and funding issues both MyPractice and Profile for Mac vendors have declined the invitation however, MedTech and Indici have agreed to attend which will hopefully reduce the number of quality issues with GP2GP transfers as a result.

GPNZ PANUI

GPNZ is the National Organisation Auckland PHO and most other PHOs belong to. Their role is to advocate and support PHOs and Practices at a political level to ensure Primary Care is on the top of any agenda with the MoH, DHBs and the Govt. This includes the Primary Care funding model and contracts.

Their latest fortnightly newsletter can be found here: [GPNZ Panui 6 May 2021](#)

NEW CENTRAL AUCKLAND BREAST SCREENING SERVICE - CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS

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The new BreastScreen Aotearoa service for women in central Auckland is now up and running. The new BreastScreen Auckland Central (BSAC) clinic is at 308 Great South Road, Greenlane (next to Countdown), close to public transport and has plenty of parking.

Early morning (7.30am) and Saturday morning appointments are available.

Breast screening enrolment referrals that are submitted by email should now be sent to BSAC_enrolments@Waitematadhb.govt.nz (Please note, in an earlier Medinz message this email address was incorrect).

There is no change for automatic referrals, generated from within your GP Patient management systems (PMS).

Please send feedback to Moiria.Mcleod@waitematadhb.govt.nz

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.

[View upcoming courses here](#)

Please see attachment (1) for step-by-step guide to refer to DSME (Diabetes Self Management Education) workshops using MEDTECH 32 / Medtech Evolution-cloud

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

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New Pathways

For the full list of newly localised Pathways, see [Daily Updates](#).

[COVID-19 Vaccination Information](#)

Contains up to date information and resources on COVID-19 vaccination. This includes: the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) vaccinator training link for general practitioners, the updated advice from IMAC for vaccination in pregnancy and breastfeeding, a link to the Ministry of Health website for those applying for an early vaccine for travel, and an interactive tool to indicate when someone will be vaccinated.

Also included are links to the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) website for allergy and immunodeficiency-related advice, the Haematology Society position statement, and the [COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-out for Northland and Auckland](#) information page.

[Post-COVID-19 Conditions](#)

A new COVID-19 pathway addressing identification and management of the extended symptoms that between 10% and 35% of people experience after having COVID-19. The pathway lists the serious complications that can develop as a result of COVID-19 infection but also emphasises the nonspecific nature of many people's symptoms. For many patients, management largely involves supported self-management of symptoms. The Pathway gives advice and resources for self-management and also includes advice on when to refer if patients are not improving.

[Cataracts](#)

Contains all the relevant information required for assessing and referring patients with cataracts, and in particular, all the required information for referrals specific to each DHB.

[Eating Disorders in Adults](#)

Emphasises importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Includes additional follow-up questions

Contraception Pathway Suite

A [suite](#) of 14 pathways covering all aspects of contraception. Based on the recommendation in the New Zealand Aotearoa Guidance on Contraception (December 2020), the suite includes practical guidance for the use of all contraceptive methods available in New Zealand, as well as covering contraception counselling, emergency contraception, and contraception after pregnancy.

- [Contraception Counselling](#)
- [Long-acting Reversible Contraceptives](#)
- [Contraceptive Injection](#)
- [Short-acting Contraceptives](#)
- [Emergency Contraception](#)
- [Contraception After Pregnancy](#)
- [Permanent Contraception](#)
- [Contraception Requests](#)

Important Updates and Reviews

New and updated nurse standing orders have been added to the following pathways:

- [Influenza Immunisation](#)
- [Anaphylaxis](#)
- [Meningococcal Vaccination](#)
- [Gout](#)

Fully reviewed. An acute gout flare clinical diagnosis tool has been added. Gout flare treatment options and contraindications have also been updated. Reduced the emphasis of lifestyle advice for gout prevention. Preventive therapy for gout updated with advice on allopurinol titration, HLA B5801 screening, and alternatives to benzbromarone (no longer available).

[Bleeding in RhD Negative Women](#)

Updated to align with the new NZ Blood Service Guidelines and new Auckland region POAC guidelines. Linked to Blood Bank Requests page with further information relating to how to order Anti-D.

[Influenza Immunisation](#)

Updated with 2021 information, including new nurse standing orders.

if SCOFF questionnaire is positive, and added new patient information resources.

[Pneumococcal Vaccination](#)

Includes funded and self-funded indications for pneumococcal vaccination according to Ministry of Health guidelines. Also includes age- and indication-specific vaccination schedules according to The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC).

[Report Writing](#)

General practitioners are asked to write reports by a variety of people and services. They have a professional and ethical responsibility to provide prompt, honest, accurate, objective reports, based on clear and relevant evidence. This page provides guidance around appropriate report writing.

System Level Measures (SLM)

Education Videos

SLM education videos can be found on the following pathways under Clinical Resources:

- [Youth GP Assessment](#)
- [Antenatal - First Consult](#)
- [Atrial Fibrillation \(AF\)](#)
- [Stroke](#)
- [Cardiovascular Risk Assessment \(CVRA\)](#)
- [Smoking Cessation Advice](#)

These videos are also listed on the [Education Resources](#) page.

[Acute Ophthalmology Assessment](#)

Referral criteria and processes have been updated.

[Optometry Assessment](#)

Now includes information relating to low-cost options for ophthalmology assessment in the community.

[Clinical Images](#)

Contains useful information relating to the new Health Information Privacy Code 2020 and also how to take and attach good quality clinical images and ensure that all the required images are included in a referral.

[Interpreter Services](#)

Updated service information and now includes details of private interpreter services