

COVID SWAB TUBES

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This is an important message about possible contamination of a small number of COVID swab tubes. Please read the attached Update.

[210513UpdateCovidSwabs.pdf](#) [444.8 KB]

To send feedback, please email

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CONSIDER DENGUE FEVER IN TRAVELLERS FROM THE COOK ISLANDS

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- With quarantine free travel to the Cook Islands beginning on May 17, please consider dengue fever in patients with a history of recent travel from these islands in the last 14 days.
- **Dengue** symptoms include fever, intense headache and pain behind the eyes, malaise, and arthralgia, nausea, vomiting or skin rash.
- If dengue and COVID-19 are both in your differential diagnosis, please test the patient for COVID-19 and use SURV code SURV-QFTZ (if patient has returned from quarantine-free travel) and request a blood test for the 'mosquito-borne virus panel'.

[ARPHS Medinz Dengue possible with Cooks bubble opening FIN 13 May 2021.pdf](#) [489.5 KB]

WEBINAR: HOW TO USE MEDTECH32 QUERY BUILDER

Learn how to build your own basic reports and run your practice efficiently.

With Query Builder you can create your own reports from your Medtech data to give you valuable financial, clinical, and demographic information about your practice.

New users will learn how to build basic reports and experienced users will pick up some helpful tips and tricks.

Date: Wed 26 May 2021

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30pm

(One hour of training followed by a 30-minute Q&A session)

Register [here](#)

For more free training webinars keep an eye on MedTech [Events Webpage](#)

HEALTH REFORM WEBINAR

Date: **Wednesday, 19th May 2021**

Time: 6.00pm

Webinar: Click this link to join the session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85039004972>

Presenters: The Webinar Panel will be chaired by Dr Jeff Lowe who will be joined by Stephen McKernan and Martin Hefford of the Transition Unit and Chiquita Hansen of THINK Hauora

If you would like to receive a calendar invitation for this session, please contact admin@gpnz.org.nz

NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL JOURNAL

Read the latest issue Vol 134 No 1533: [30 April 2021](#)

Login: Barbara@aucklandpho.co.nz

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This issue includes two editorials; one on the [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#), and the other on the [challenge for COVID-19 vaccines to protect the population](#).

AUCKLAND PHO INFORMATION LIBRARY

New to the library this week:

Practice Nurse Position Description located in [Forms, HR and PHO Support](#)



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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.

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