

The weekly newsletter of Auckland PHO provides details of events, meetings, clinical information and PHO Programmes to our Practices

### NZNO STRIKE - WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE

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New Zealand Nursing Organisation (NZNO) members will take part in a national strike on Wednesday 9 June. This involves a full withdrawal of labour from 11am to 7pm.

NZNO members who work for the DHB as registered nurses, enrolled nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants will be covered by the industrial action. Life-preserving service (LPS) rosters are in place, supported by other staff from the DHB to ensure that patients receive the life-preserving and disability-preventing services they require. People working in border roles are unaffected.

This action will have a significant impact on the services we are able to provide. We have robust contingency plans in place and will continue to provide essential and life-preserving services.

Non-urgent surgeries, procedures and outpatient clinics will be postponed, but will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Our message to the public is, we are here if you need us but please keep our emergency departments for emergencies only.

#### How you can help:

On the day of the strike, please only refer patients who need immediate hospital intervention or treatment. If you're not sure, please call the relevant specialty SMO or registrar on-call to have a clinical discussion about any potential hospital admission.

Thank you in advance for your help. Please send feedback to [Alison.Bowden@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Alison.Bowden@waitematadhb.govt.nz)

### DISCONTINUATION OF RESPIRATORY SEROLOGY (ANTIBODY TESTING)

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LabPlus have advised that respiratory serology (antibody testing) will be discontinued from 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for the following tests:

- Mycoplasma Pneumoniae IgG and IgM
- Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG and IgA
- Bordetella pertussis IgA
- Respiratory viruses - adenovirus, RSV, Influenza A, Influenza B

For full details see LabPlus notification attachment below.

[210526 VIM - Discontinuation of Service - Respiratory Serology](#)

Please send feedback to [GMcAuliffe@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:GMcAuliffe@adhb.govt.nz)

### NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL JOURNAL

Read the latest issue Vol 134 No 1536: [4 June 2021](#)

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### ACC - HTI (HIGH TECH IMAGING) TRAINING

There is another upcoming HTI training on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Ōtara local doctors. Spaces are capped at 35 per session. GPs can register their interest [here](#).

**Date:** Wednesday 16 June 2021

**Time:** 6:30pm to 9:00pm

**Venue:** 3 Watford Street, Ōtara, Auckland 2023

Please contact Naomi Stewart for queries

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### UPDATED PODIATRY FRAMEWORK FOR AUCKLAND PHO COMMUNITY PODIATRY SERVICE

The Mōhio Podiatry Referral form has been updated to align with the NZSSD Risk Stratification and referral pathway for diabetes foot screening.

The [Foot Screening and Management in Diabetes](#) Healthpathway has been fully reviewed with input from the region's podiatrists, vascular surgeons and diabetologists

Consequently, the Mōhio Podiatry Referral form reflects the revised Healthpathway and the following alterations have been made:

- A new risk category "In Remission (High Risk)" has been added
- The 4 questions have been trimmed to 3
- The "Active Foot Complication" option has been added to question 1
- The "Consolidated Charcot foot" option has been added to question 2. This question applies to the new risk category "In Remission (High Risk)"
- The "Pre-ulcerative lesion" option from the previous question 4 has been added to the options of question 3
- The options on all the questions now have left foot and right foot tick boxes.

All patients with acutely infected feet should be referred to **vascular surgery** -this is a change from previous processes. (See the Acute vascular surgery assessment pathway for the process [Acute Vascular Surgery Assessment](#))

Note that POAC does **not** fund intravenous antibiotics for foot infections (including cellulitis) in patients with diabetes unless endorsed by a relevant specialist.

The updated guide to the Auckland PHO Community Podiatry Service is available in the [Auckland PHO Information Library](#)

Auckland PHO is planning a nurse education session for diabetes foot screening next month.

If you have any questions regarding the new form or Podiatry Framework, please contact Sneha (Programmes and Services Facilitator) – [Sneha@aucklandpho.co.nz](mailto:Sneha@aucklandpho.co.nz)

### FEDERATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETING FOR LOCALITY NETWORKS

Save the date: **Tuesday 29th June 1 – 4 pm, Wellington**

The Federation has embraced the concept of "locality networks" because they have the capacity to provide better and more equitable health services for New Zealanders. Local leadership, generating local solutions for local issues.

At this session, the Federation will have short presentations from some who are delivering primary health care through a locality network and others who are formulating ideas and concepts. The Federation will facilitate discussion to assist the sector to think broadly about how providers and communities can work together to shape approaches to meet their community's needs.

Participation is welcomed from every part of the primary health sector. This will include those who want to find out more about the potential of Locality Networks along with those who have concepts and ideas to present. If you would like to contribute to the agenda please contact Jennifer Pelvin ([jennifer@butlerpelvin.com](mailto:jennifer@butlerpelvin.com))

To register your interest in attending please follow this [LINK](#)