

# IV Iron Infusion

A programme by **WellSouth**



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## Intended Purpose

This programme is intended to offer eligible patients a funded IV iron infusion at their General Practice, preventing the need for a hospital visit to receive the infusion. The programme is part of a suite of planned care procedures available in primary care General Practices.

**HealthPathways Link:** <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/288018.htm>

## Presenting Concerns

- Symptomatic iron deficiency anaemia, or
- Maternity: trimester 2 or 3 only, or
- Chronic heart failure, or
- Inflammatory bowel disease, or
- Chronic kidney disease, or
- Postpartum

Please see Appendix overleaf for detailed criteria.

STRICT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA APPLIES — WellSouth criteria may differ to Pharmac.  
PLEASE CHECK BEFORE OFFERING TO THE PATIENT

## Exclusions

- Maternity: Trimester 1
- Any patient weighing less than 35kg

## Second Infusions:

- Also eligible are patients who have already had an IV Iron Infusion within the last 3 months and need to have a 2nd infusion because a dose of >1000mg is required.
- On consultant advice, a second infusion may be given within 3 months of a previous one.

*\*In both instances this must be clearly documented in the portal and include the name of the consultant.*

## Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

Other Programmes

[New Zoledronic Acid Infusion Claim](#)

[New IV Iron Infusion Claim](#)

## Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

| Code   | Amount (incl. GST) | Description      |
|--------|--------------------|------------------|
| WPPIII | \$143.75           | IV IRON Infusion |

## Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$125 + GST IV IRON Infusion

## Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

## When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

## Audit

Claims may be subject to an Audit at WellSouth discretion.

*If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) with your new Account Internal ID.*

For further information regarding this programme please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.

# Appendix



## Symptomatic Iron Deficiency

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- Patient must be diagnosed with symptomatic iron deficiency ANAEMIA AND
- If female, Hb must be < 115g/L  
If male, Hb must be < 130g/L AND
- Ferritin < 20ug/L (or Ferritin < 50ug/L if the CRP is  $\geq$  5mg/L) AND
- Failure of 3-month trial of oral iron therapy

## Chronic Heart Failure

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#### Chronic Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and:

- Ferritin < 100ug/L  
OR
- Ferritin 100 – 300ug/L with transferrin saturation < 20%

## Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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#### Inflammatory Bowel Disease with:

- Ferritin < 100ug/L  
OR
- Transferrin saturation < 16%

## Chronic Kidney Disease

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- Anaemia of inflammation or functional iron deficiency with
- Hb < 100g /L and
- Ferritin > 20ug/L

Or on consultant recommendation only

## Maternity (Trimester 2& 3 Only)

### Maternity - Trimester 2 or 3

#### Maternity Trimester 2 or 3 – must have:

- Hb < 105g/L
  - Ferritin < 30ug/L (or Ferritin < 50ug/L if the CRP is > 5mg/L) with other deficiencies excluded or corrected  
AND
  - At least 1 of the following:
    - Fetal compromise
    - Failure of oral iron therapy trial, e.g. < 10 g/L rise in Hb and ferritin remains low, poorly tolerated side-effects, or high oral iron requirements
    - 36 weeks or more gestation
- OR
- Severe iron deficiency anaemia with both of the following:
- Hb < 85g/L
  - Ferritin < 20ug/L (or Ferritin < 50ug/L if the CRP is > 5mg/L)

with other deficiencies  
excluded or corrected

## Postpartum

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- Must be haemodynamically stable  
AND
- Hb < 85g/L with or without previous blood transfusion