

Kia ora koutou

Please see this week's Primary Care Clinical Digest for the week ending April 21 2023. Hopefully, some of you are taking Monday off to make it another long weekend before Winter sets in!

	PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL DIGEST APRIL 21 2023
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Immunisation Update April 19 2023 <i>See attached update and embedded letters</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please see the attached Te Whatu Ora Immunisation Update including letters to General Practice/Pharmacy informing the temporary coadministration fee for when Boostrix and Influenza are concomitantly administered to a pregnant person. This is a pilot that runs from April 1 to June 30 2023.
Change to Book My Vaccine Age Range <i>See attached notification</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. See attached information on the changes to Book My Vaccine age range.3. Currently, the Book My Vaccine (BMV) site is set to allow for Influenza bookings for ages 3+ years. Based on feedback from vaccinating sites, age range options are being added for facilities vaccinating against influenza, within BMV. This will give sites the ability to show what age groups they offer influenza vaccinations for.4. Please contact help@imms.min.health.nz with any questions about the proposed change or if you need any support using Book My Vaccine.
Book My Vaccine Weekly Tips and Reminders <i>See attached letter</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Te Whatu Ora have received some concerns about bookings not being honoured due to incorrect booking schedules being displayed by providers or low availability of stock.2. To ensure a positive consumer experience, please see the attached useful reminders and tips.3. If you have any questions or require support, please email help@imms.min.health.nz or call 0800 223 987.
Survey of Women's Health Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The University of Auckland recently put out a short survey to gather information about the availability and accessibility of women's health services in the community in Aotearoa New Zealand.2. The first survey sent out generated 52 responses but there were five areas where there was no response:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tairāwhiti2. Lakes

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. West Coast 4. Wairarapa 5. Whanganui 1. The University is keen to hear from these five areas, and from any respondent who is happy to have a more in-depth interview over the next 4-6 weeks. Link to survey here.
<p>National Immunisation Programme Operating Guidelines: COVID-19 Vaccines and General Operating Guidance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The National Immunisation Programme Operating Guidelines have been updated, you can find the updated version here.
<p>COVID Care in the Community – Updated Public Facing Collateral See attached letter</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On February 8, public facing posters and social tiles relating to the Primary Care Funding Changes were shared, see attached letter. 2. These files have been updated to remove the date reference and keep messaging current. You can find the new versions in the linked COVID Comms Toolkit. 3. In addition, some new assets have been created to help encourage people to test for COVID ahead of healthcare appointments if they have cold, flu or COVID symptoms. These are also saved in the toolkit folder. 1. Te Whatu Ora encourage you to use these assets to communicate with the public through your own social channels and in your provider locations. 2. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the CITC team.
<p>Update for Pharmacists in General Practice week ending April 14 2023 See full notice attached for wider information</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lamotrigine (Logem): Packaging changed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The packaging of Logem Lamotrigine 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg has changed. There have been no changes to the product manufacturer, formulation, or method of manufacture. 2. Further information is available here 2. Using needles with liraglutide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Injection needles are not included with liraglutide (Victoza). Practitioners will need to prescribe needles alongside liraglutide. Liraglutide can be administered with needles up to a length of 8mm and as fine as 32G. 2. Schedule restrictions have been amended to allow funded dispensing of needles if prescribed on the same prescription as liraglutide, or when prescribed for a patient and the prescription is endorsed accordingly. Pharmacists may annotate the prescription as endorsed where there exists a record of prior dispensing of liraglutide. 3. Additional resources: Initiating treatment with dulaglutide or liraglutide for type 2 diabetes He Ako Hiringa Medsafe datasheet for liraglutide (Victoza) Liraglutide monograph - NZ Formulary 3. Supply Issue: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been an increase in the number of medicines supply chain issues that suppliers are faced with. In most cases, COVID-19 has been the cause and is likely to continue to have

	<p>global impacts on medicine manufacturing and supply chains for some time to come.</p> <p>For up-to-date information about supply issues please check the Pharmac website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutricia – multiple products Nutricia - multiple products notice 2. Permethrin cream and lotion permethrin cream and lotion notice 3. Capecitabine 500 mg tablets data sheet and consumer information sheet / capecitabine 500 mg tablets notice 4. Resolved: Fentanyl patches (12.5 mcg and 25 mcg) fentanyl patches (12.5 mcg and 25 mcg) notice 1. Capecitabine 500 mg tablets data sheet and consumer information sheet / capecitabine 500 mg tablets notice 4. Consultation: COVID-19 antivirals – The role of molnupiravir in Aotearoa’s funded treatments portfolio: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is evolving evidence which suggests that molnupiravir and evusheld may not be associated with any meaningful clinical benefit against Omicron strains in vaccinated adults. 2. The evidence suggests that tixagevimab with cilgavimab retains efficacy against some variants of COVID-19. As it may provide benefit to some immunocompromised people with specific variants, Pharmac have not proposed changes to the access criteria at this time. 3. Individual prescribers will continue to decide as to whether tixagevimab with cilgavimab is likely to benefit the person they are treating. Read more about New Zealand’s COVID-19 treatments portfolio / Consultation: COVID-19 antivirals: The role of molnupiravir in New Zealand’s funded treatments portfolio 4. The consultation will be open until 5pm Tuesday May 2 2023.
<p>Top Weekend Viewing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Taking the chance for an extra-long ANZAC weekend? Here’s some homegrown content for your viewing pleasure. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 25 April (Whakaata Māori/Māori Television) – Diaries, letters and memoirs of six New Zealanders who witnessed the tragic 1915 Gallipoli campaign are brought to life using animation. 2. Muru (Neon) - When the government launches an armed terror raid on a small Urewera community local Police Sergeant "Taffy" Tawharau must choose between his duty to his badge and his people, in this story inspired by real events. 3. Whina (TVNZ+) – Follows the life of trailblazing Māori leader Dame Whina Cooper, who spent her life breaking boundaries, speaking for the rights of Māori, and fighting for the land..