

WellSouth Update

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New Cardiovascular Health Dashboard - now live

The Cardiovascular Health Dashboard is now live on Thalamus.

This new dashboard is designed to provide you with a comprehensive and actionable view of information on patients' cardiovascular health and risk factors.

Features assist you in providing care to your patients given population and individual level data.

New features include:

- **Population Risk Bands:** This feature allows you to see immediately the risk status of your patient population, from the patients' last CVDRA.
- **Clinical and Funded Guidelines:** The dashboard provides you with the latest clinical and funded guidelines to help you make informed decisions about CVDRA's.
- **Eligibility for Management Program:** You can now quickly determine if a patient is eligible for our CVD management program based on their risk status, demographics etc.
- **Overdue and High-Risk Bookmarks:** This feature enables you to easily keep track of patients who are overdue for a CVDRA and patients that are at high risk of a CVD event based on their medical history.
- **No Scripts for ACE/ARB, Statins, etc.:** The dashboard highlights patients that have been prescribed various scripts in the last 6 months making it easier for you to ensure your patients are on the right medication.
- **Blood Pressure Targets:** We now pull in the appropriate Health Pathways target for the patient based on demographics/ages/risk band/presence of diabetes.
- **Comprehensive Patient Export:** The dashboard provides you with a detailed patient export that you can use for recall and prioritisation purposes.

Reports now standardised using this template
Making swapping between clinical datasets easier.

Visual representation of your practices CVDR risk bands



We have loaded in both the WS Funded CVDR Guidelines and the 2018 Primary care Guidelines based on risk score

Key metrics and numbers
Let us know what you want to see

Filtering options include standard demographics along with Risk, EGFR, "Funded Management", BP High.

Dynamic metric allowing for multiple filters across meds, BP status Statins and more to come

To get started, simply log into Thalamus and start exploring. The new report is highlighted on the homepage.

As always, *go live* is not the end; we have a few more features we will be releasing with updates posted on the Thalamus homepage, but we wanted to get this tool in your hands now as we believe it is a huge improvement over the current Cardiovascular disease and risk data on Proactive Care.

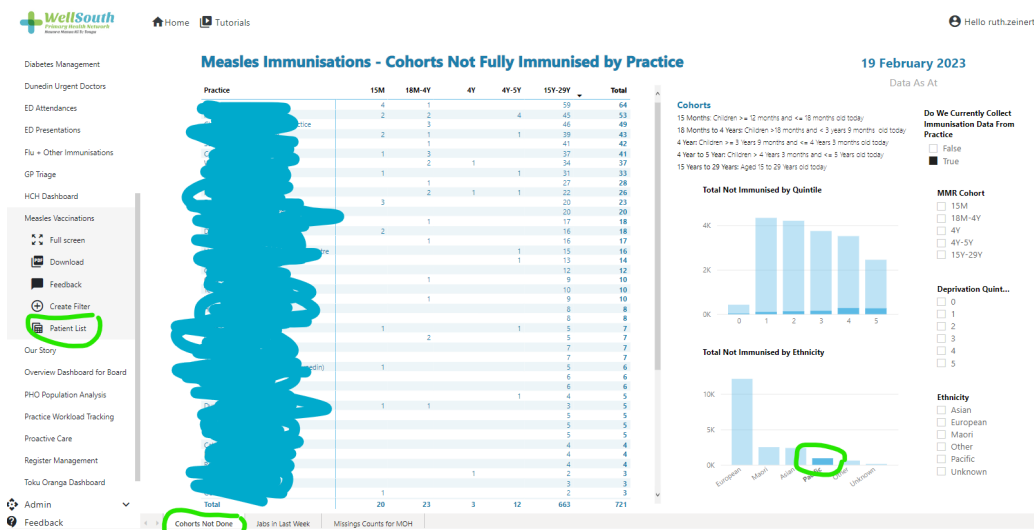
If you have any questions or input, please reach out to our support team thalamus.help@wellsouth.org.nz or your relationship manager. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to helping you improve the health of your patients.

A special thanks to the Thalamus Working Group for their invaluable help, ideas, and feedback in the development of this dashboard: Your contributions have helped make this product what it is today, and we are grateful for your support.

Measles vaccination for Pasifika patients

Measles vaccination rates among Pasifika 15–29-year-olds in Otago/Southeast are currently at 57%. Given the frequency of travel between here and the Pacific Islands, the low rates of vaccination on those islands, and the recently reported first case of measles in Aotearoa since 2019, it is vital we lift those immunisation rates as quickly as possible.

You can download a list of the names of your Pasifika patients who are not fully immunised on Thalamus via Measles Vaccinations>Cohorts Not Done, then select 'Pacific'. Please reach out to your Practice Relationship Manager if you need help finding this information, or if you would like help calling these people.



We have our regional Practice Manager Forums coming up. Registration is open for Oamaru, Dunedin, Cromwell and Invercargill for March. August dates as well for some locations. [Register for Practice Manager Forum](#)
Meetings run two hours and agenda to be provided soon. Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Questions? Please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz

Workforce Development and Training

Asthma Treatment Workshop

Asthma NZ is offering a Nurse Education in Asthma Treatment (NEAT) Workshop in Dunedin 19 April. This is a great opportunity for practice nurses.

Further information and registration information [here](#).

Other [Workforce Development](#) opportunities.

Gout Update

Aotearoa has the highest rate of gout in the world, per capita. Find out why, and get the latest guidelines on how this painful condition can be successfully managed.

Appropriate for nurses, GPs, HIPs and health coaches.

Thursday 09 March, 6.15-7.30pm. Registration required. Click [here](#).

Other WellSouth training opportunities [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars:



The Immunisation Advisory Centre

WEBINAR: MenB (Bexsero) vaccine

Date: Wednesday 22 February 5.30pm-6.30pm

Register: [here](#)

Men B Bexsero vaccine will be available funded from 1 March for routine infant vaccination. There is also a catch up programme for those aged under 5 years and for adolescents and adults (aged 13 to 25 years) living in close living conditions. Join us for an update from the experts and ask questions on Wednesday 22nd of February at 5.30pm. The webinar will be recorded for those who can't make it.

The webinar will cover:

- Disease and epidemiology
- The vaccine
- Implementation.

Te Whatu Ora - National Immunisation Programme team will be present as well.

Updated FAQ document - Changes to the Covid-19 Primary Model of Care

Below is a link to the updated FAQ document regarding changes to COVID-19 Primary Model of Care. It is dated 08 February and is the most current version we have been provided with.

[FAQ - COVID-19 Primary Model of Care](#)

COVID-19 Response Recognition Award

On December 31 2022, Jacinda Adern announced that groups of frontline workers were to receive a COVID-19 Response Recognition Award, a specific acknowledgement of the service given by so many to New Zealand during the pandemic. This includes MIQ, border, testing, contact tracing and vaccination workforces. Read the full announcement [here](#). To be eligible for the COVID-19 Response Individual Award you need to have been employed or contracted by Ministry of Health (MOH) or identified as part of the COVID-19 Health and Disability System Response (HSR) for a minimum of 1 month between March 2020 and 30 June 2022 and been active in a role:

- That provided direct operational support to the frontline COVID-19 Health and Disability response; or
- As a Doctor, Nurse or Healthcare and Disability staff who cared for patients with COVID-19, including for example, disability support workers and Māori hauora providers, Pacific health workers

'Direct Operational Support' refers to those workers who may not necessarily have faced COVID-19 every day or administered vaccinations but whose roles were critical to ensuring that others could. If you are still unsure whether you are eligible, please contact the team at C19RecognitionAwards@health.govt.nz and we can help.

Contractors, part-time and full-time staff who meet above criteria are eligible to apply for the award.

Please register through the Te Whatu Ora registration portal <https://covid-19responseaward.powerappsportals.com/> by **3 March 2023**.

Registrations will be reviewed against the criteria and awarded after approval.

Awards are a lapel pin in a display box and a personalised certificate. These will be sent to New Zealand addresses.

If you have any questions, please email the COVID-19 Response Recognition Award team at C19RecognitionAwards@health.govt.nz

Read the privacy statement here: [Privacy Statement COVID-19 Response Recognition Awards – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand](#)

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