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WellSouth Update

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Kia ora koutou -

WellSouth Update is a regular e-newsletter for general practice teams, community pharmacy and other providers in Southland and Otago.

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Referrals to Gynaecology Service

On behalf of Gynaecology Service, Te Whatu Ora-Southern:

Professor Mike Stitely will be leaving the Otago Gynaecology Service on 2nd October 2022, to pursue working in Invercargill. Please refer for Gynaecology Services via ERMS and referrals will be triaged as usual.

Please note that the service will not be able to accept referrals directly addressed to Prof Stitely.

Gender Diversity and ERMS

MedTech Evolution practices that have been updated to the latest version of Evolution (which includes the gender diversity update) may experience issues around gender in ERMS referrals.

Any issues, please contact ERMS on 03 353 9990 or servicedesk@pegasus.org.nz

Remote Endorsement of Ivermectin for Scabies

The Ivermectin can now be approved remotely by the clinical microbiologist team using ERMS. If a patient meets the criteria outlined on the Special Authority form:

1. Complete the [Special Authority form](#)
 2. Complete and attach the [Ivermectin Remote Consultation and Endorsement form](#) to an ERMS request via ERMS > General Practice > Clinical Microbiology. By completing this process, one does not need to phone clinical microbiology or wait for a reply from the ERMS referral before prescribing Ivermectin for appropriate patients.
- See - [Scabies - Community HealthPathways Southern](#)

Adult Primary Care Survey (PES) Resources

The WellSouth website has been updated to include useful resources for the [Adult Primary Care Survey \(PES\)](#). We have included useful guides, portal information, upcoming dates, and resources in different languages. Please review this page if you need assistance with anything related to the survey.

Reminder: Funding for Postgraduate Study in Nursing

Funding applications from Health Workforce Directorate (HWD) for postgraduate nursing study are now open.

If you would like to apply please review the following funding information and an application form:

[Funding Information Application form](#)

The HWD Funding application period opened on **Thursday 1 September** and will close at **5 pm, Friday 30 September 2022**.

If you have any queries, please contact the HWD Funding PGNE office: HWDfunding@southernhb.govt.nz

ACC GPMRI Referral Training

Message from Dr Richard Macharg, WellSouth Clinical Lead Fracture Liaison Service and GP Referred MRI programme

Thank you to all who have already attended the training for this programme. The training and credentialing remain valid long term.

Unfortunately, due to hold ups with the e-referrals system direct MRI requests are not yet up and running but every effort is being made resolve these issues as soon as possible and ensure that the ACC payment is passed on, in full, to GPs.

Referral and claiming will be electronic via the WellSouth portal.

Updates will be sent as progress is made.

ACC and WellSouth are committed to having this access open to as many patients as possible and would like as many GPs, from as many practices as possible, to undergo training and be able to directly access MRIs for their patients.

Further training sessions are being held in all centres and the link to booking is below.

Please take the opportunity to access this long-awaited programme.

Dunedin - 7 September, 22 September, 4 October, 27 October
Invercargill - 15 September
Balclutha - 27 September
Queenstown - 12 October
Oamaru - 19 October

[Register here](#)

Registered Nurse Prescribing in Community Health Programme

Enrollments for the next cohort for the Registered Nurse Prescribing in Community Health programme close **5pm Monday 3 October 2022**. Please review the information pack below, if you would like to enrol please complete the enrolment forms.

[RNPCH Info Pack](#)

[RNPCH Enrolment Forms](#)

Dates for the RNPCH Cohort 22C:

Webinar 1 – Thurs 13 Oct 3-5.30pm

Webinar 2 – Thurs 10 Nov 3-5.30pm

Webinar 3 – Thurs 8 Dec 3-5.30pm

Webinar 4 – Thurs 2 Feb 3-5.30pm

Webinar 5 – Thurs 2 March 3-5.30pm

Webinar 6 – Thurs 30 March 3-5.30pm

Webinar 7 – Thurs 4 May 3-5.30pm

Portfolio Due – Friday 30 June 5pm



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