

Rongoā

The newsletter of the DHBs' Community Pharmacy Services programme



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Tena koutou katoa. Anei nga pitopito korero o te panui tua rima o Rongoā. Welcome to the fifth edition of Rongoā – the monthly newsletter (panui) of the DHBs' Community Pharmacy Services programme.

If you have any suggestions for future topics, please drop us a line at: pharmacy@tas.health.nz

ICPSA: National Annual Agreement Review 2018-2019

The first meeting for the National Annual Agreement Review 2018-19 of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement took place on 3 December in Wellington. It was attended by DHB and Ministry of Health representatives, Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand, Green Cross Health, Nirvana Pharmacy Group, Pharmacy Partners and Countdown and an independent contract-holder from Wellington.

The minutes of the meeting are expected to be available on the TAS website within the next fortnight:

<https://tas.health.nz/community-pharmacy/>

The storehouse of wellbeing- Te Pātaka Whaioranga

PHARMAC recently incorporated 'Te Pātaka Whaioranga' (the storehouse of wellbeing) as part of its corporate identity. PHARMAC says within their context, the

concept of the pātaka symbolises a solid and reliable structure safeguarding the continuous flow of supplies, such as medicines and medical devices, and to keep the flow constant and maintain availability for the benefit of all New Zealanders. PHARMAC also says the name signals their commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and their work with Māori communities, Whānau Ora partners and Māori health professionals to help them achieve the best possible health outcomes for Māori from funded medicines.



Te Pātaka Whaioranga, 'the storehouse of wellbeing'

To read the statement in full go to www.pharmac.govt.nz/about/2018/te-pataka-whaioranga/

Upcoming ICPSA payments for contract-holders



Claim/Batch Payments: Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 20, Feb 28

Case Mix Service Fees: Feb 1

Monthly LTC Service Fees: Feb 12

Additional Professional Advisory Services (APAS) Payment : Feb 14

Section 26/29 Fee: Feb 28

For the full 12 month calendar, download the [ICPSA Payment Calendar here](#).

Therapeutic Products Bill consultation underway

The Ministry of Health is seeking submissions from the public on the draft Therapeutic Products Bill before it is introduced to parliament by the government.

The bill is being developed to replace the Medicines Act 1981 (and its associated regulations) and establish a new regulatory scheme for therapeutic products. A consultation document can be read alongside a draft of the Bill. It provides information on the policy and details contained in the draft to help inform submissions. One section of the consultation document focuses on the pharmacy sector and pharmacists, and subjects covered include regulation, ownership, licensing and distribution and supply arrangements.

The Ministry of Health are holding focus meetings in March on specific topics to assist stakeholders to provide feedback on the regulatory proposals.

Register your interest by Feb 6 to attend a focus meeting, by clicking link below:

<https://consult.health.govt.nz/medsafe/therapeutic-products-event-registration/>



Screen grab from online consultation website

Sector	Location	Date
Maori Hui	Auckland	Mon 18 March - AM
Medicines	Auckland	Mon 18 March - PM
Medical Devices	Auckland	Tues 19 March - AM
Cell & Tissue	Auckland	Tues 19 March - PM
Research	Auckland	Wed 20 March - AM
Pasifika Fono	Auckland	Wed 20 March - PM
Research	Dunedin	Thur 21 March - AM
General (Consumer)	Wellington	Thur 21 March - PM
Pharmacy	Wellington	Fri 22 March - AM
Health Practitioners	Wellington	Fri 22 March - PM

For more information about the consultation and how to feedback, go to:

<https://consult.health.govt.nz/medsafe/therapeutic-products-exposure-draft-consultation/>

Submissions close 5.00 pm, Thursday 18 April 2019.

Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Properly (D.U.M.P) Awareness Campaign

The Auckland, Counties Manukau and Waitemata DHBs are working together to promote awareness about and improve uptake of the Community Pharmacy Waste Management Service by the general public. "Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Properly" (D.U.M.P.) is the name of a campaign that will run in the Tāmaki Makaurau region in the last week of February.



The key messages of the campaign include:

- Bring all unwanted and expired medicines to your local pharmacy
- Don't flush medicines down the toilet
- Don't pour medicines down the sink
- Don't throw medicines into the garbage bin

Consumers who receive medicines will be reminded of the importance of safely disposing of unwanted medicines and sharps by returning the waste to their local community pharmacy for free. This

messaging will be conveyed by health professionals working in primary and secondary care across the three metro Auckland DHBs. An information brochure and poster has been designed, and medical centres will be encouraged to display this information.

For further information about the "DUMP" campaign: <http://www.saferx.co.nz/> or contact **Liz Fagan at Waitemata DHB**, Tel: 09 4868 920 ext 45437 or email: Elizabeth.fagan@waitemataDHB.govt.nz

Northland DHB issues moratorium on new applications for ICPSA

Northland DHB is in the process of developing a draft community pharmacy strategy which will align with the direction of the New Zealand Health Strategy, the objectives of the Pharmacy Action Plan 2016-2020, and the vision for Integrated Pharmacist Services in the Community. The strategy will guide Northland DHB's decisions and actions about pharmacy.

To enable Northland DHB to implement a community pharmacy strategy, an immediate moratorium on all new Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreements has been put in place. A pharmacy services contracting policy, stemming from this strategy, will specify how and under which conditions Northland DHB will purchase pharmacy services, particularly via the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreements (ICPSA).

The policy will make reference to:

- how an applicant will contribute to the reduction of health inequities
- what services can be expected to be delivered from the pharmacy
- how the pharmacy will ensure continuous quality improvement of its services to Northlanders.

The draft community pharmacy strategy is expected to be completed in time for approval by the Northland DHB Board at its April or May 2019 meeting. The policy is then expected to be completed and approved by the chief executive in time for new ICPSA applications from 1 July 2019.

If you wish to know more please email: communications@northlanddhb.org.nz

Pacific Health Scholarships 2019 close Friday 8 February

Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, Tēnā koutou nga tangata o Te Moana nui a Kiwa.

The Pacific Health Scholarships for 2019 will be closing shortly. The Scholarships comprise: \$10,000 for Medical and Dentistry students and \$5,000 for all remaining qualifications (including Bachelor of Pharmacy), and help contribute to improving access to health services for Pacific peoples by assisting the development of the Pacific health and disability workforce. Please share this information with your Pasifika networks.

To find out about eligibility criteria and application information go to:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/populations/pacific-health/pacific-health-scholarships-2019>

Hauora Maori Scholarships 2019 open this month

E te whanau, Hauora Māori Scholarships will be opening from 5pm, 13th February 2019 until 5pm, 27th March 2019. These putea provide financial assistance to students and health care workers who are undertaking an NZQA accredited degree course or training in health and disability studies. There are 11 categories based on types of occupation or specialisation.

For more info go to <https://www.health.govt.nz> Applications close 5 pm Wednesday 27 March 2019.

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