

# WellSouth Update

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## Access widened for funded flu vaccine from 1 April

Pharmac is widening access to the annual funded flu vaccine from **1 April** to tamariki aged 6 months to 12 years, and will again offer it to Māori and Pacific peoples who are 55 to 64 years of age for the 2023 flu season.

The flu vaccine is already free for people over 65, people with long-term conditions (like asthma and diabetes), those who are pregnant, and people with specific mental health conditions or addiction issues.

The full announcement is available [here](#).

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## Thalamus Login Requests

A reminder that if you need a new Thalamus login you can complete the **Thalamus Practice Request Form** online.

The form can be found on the WellSouth website > Practice Resources > Thalamus  
Or you can access the form here - [Thalamus Practice Request Form](#).

The form is the best option to ensure requests can be actioned quickly and efficiently.

If you already have a Thalamus login and need to modify your account please email: [thalamus.help@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:thalamus.help@wellsouth.org.nz)

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## Adult Primary Care Survey

The Adult Primary Care Survey is now open and will run until **24 March 2023**.

The online survey is conducted by Ipsos New Zealand on behalf of the Health Quality & Safety Commission and the Ministry of Health to understand New Zealander's recent

healthcare experiences.

Patients who are aged 15 and older who had a consultation or experience with their GP practice between Monday 13 Feb – Sunday 26 February 2023 are invited by text or email to complete the survey.

The survey will help practices understand how well they are meeting patient needs and how they can improve.

Further information and resources on the survey can be found on the [WellSouth website](#).

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## New Thalamus features

Please see below the latest Thalamus features from DataCraft Analytics -

### Sign in to Thalamus with Microsoft:

Soon all Thalamus users will have the option of linking their Thalamus login with their Microsoft account.

- Once the connection has been made users can login to Thalamus with one click!
- All Thalamus security and access permissions for users remain the same
- Great for organisations using Teams

If you want to know more email DataCraft Analytics [here](#).

### New Thalamus Teams App

If you use both Thalamus and Teams within your organisation we can set you up with the new Thalamus Teams app which sits within your organisations' Teams environment. When using the Thalamus Teams App you can access all the following functions you are used to in Thalamus:

- Dashboards which have been approved for access
- Documentation
- Feedback functions
- Patient lists (if approved for the user)
- Tutorials

The Thalamus Teams app is great for meetings and presenting live dashboards to your team. Since you won't need to swap between platforms it will be much easier to incorporate Thalamus reports into your meetings and have data at your fingertips. Email DataCraft Analytics [here](#) if you want to set up the Thalamus Teams App for your organisation.

### Thalamus Packs - Coming Soon!

Thalamus Packs have been designed to help you share information or documents with your Thalamus users.

Thalamus administrators will be able to set up folders of documents for their Thalamus users to access. There are a number of features we have added which are unique to Thalamus:

- You can make use of existing groups in Thalamus to tailor who information goes to
- We can provide you with analytics around whether users have viewed the pack
- You can unpublish and edit packs at any time if needed
- Thalamus Packs can be viewed in the Teams app as well!

Thalamus Packs is currently in a Beta testing phase and we are fine tuning before rolling it out. If you want some more information about what is involved please make contact with

us.

Contact DataCraft [here](#) if you want to get more information about Thalamus Packs.

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## Collaborative Aotearoa Digital Health Survey

Collaborative Aotearoa has designed the following survey on Telehealth and Digital health in general practice across Aotearoa.

This survey, aligned with Te Pae Tata, will help identify and inform areas of innovation and excellence, highlight learnings and benefits, and help build knowledge and resources to further support you and your kaimahi in the uptake and use of digital health technologies in your practice.

The survey is estimated to take 10 minutes to complete, you can access the survey via the link below.

### [Digital Health Survey](#)

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## Gen2040 Best Start Update

The March newsletter for Gen2040 Best Start Assessments is linked below.

Updates in this newsletter:

- Vouchers for Hapū Māmā continues
- New Tool: Best Care Imms

### [The Best Start March Newsletter](#)

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## GPNZ Primary Care Clinical Digest

Please see the GPNZ Primary Care Clinical Digest for the week ending March 3 2023.

In this issue:

1. Care in the Community Update
2. Provider Update – ACC Response to Cyclone Gabrielle Temporary Uplift in Immunisation Administration Fees
3. Decision to Widen Eligibility Criteria for Influenza Vaccine Upcoming Webinars
4. Meningococcal B (Bexero) Rollout
5. Goodfellow Symposium 2023: Primary Care CPD is Landing Soon
6. New Documents Relating to Patient Care after Axillary Lymph Node Surgery
7. Pharmac Update: Primary Care Prescribers for the week ending February 24 2023
8. Top Weekend Viewing

You can read the full update [here](#).

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## Workforce Development and Training

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### Upcoming Training and Education courses.

For course dates and registration please click [here](#).

Advance Care Planning  
ACC GPMRI Referral Training  
CPR Training

Other [Workforce Development](#) opportunities.

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## Dunedin Only - Request for expired plastic vials for medical student practice

### Message on behalf of Dr Ruth Barnett:

Attention: GPs, Practice Nurses, and Health Care Assistants in Dunedin

### Do you have any expired glass or plastic vials of saline, or water medical students could use for practice?

I convene the teaching of Clinical Skills for medical students in their pre-clinical years in Early Learning in Medicine (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years) at the Otago Medical School in Dunedin.

I have run workshops at the medical students' ELM Clinical Conference Otago (ECCO) for many years.

I am planning to give them exposure to basic clinical procedures like taking a swab, putting a needle on a vacutainer, and using a tourniquet...

I would like students to get a chance to open a plastic vial or even a glass vial. When I had students in my practice it was something many had not done before.

Please get in touch with me at [ruth.barnett@otago.ac.nz](mailto:ruth.barnett@otago.ac.nz) if you have any expired or unwanted supplies of vials and we can work out a way for me to collect them.

Thank you for your time in your busy day.

Ruth Barnett

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### About this newsletter

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

Previous issues of this newsletter are available on the [WellSouth website](#).

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