

WellSouth Update

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Winter Wellness Programme

WellSouth wants to support practices help patients and whānau – particularly those most at risk of getting very unwell during winter.

A new Winter Wellness Check will fund General Practice to proactively contact and provide an additional routine and preventative care for patients who are at risk of deteriorating or being admitted to the hospital over the winter months, and ensure they have what they need to stay well.

This pilot programme will run **22 May to 30 June**, so that patients can best benefit before Winter sets in.

You will receive detailed communications regarding the programme tomorrow.

Workforce Development and Training

Southern Nurses Conference - Save the date



Southern Nurses Conference Save the Date

13th - 14th October 2023

Ōtepoti, Dunedin

Date: 13 - 14 October 2023
Location: Ōtepoti, Dunedin

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Southern Nurses Conference for 2023. More details will be provided about the conference agenda and speakers in the coming months, but for now please save the date. Registrations will open in **July 2023**.

Want to be involved?

We have space for 2-3 Practices Nurses on the organising committee for the Southern Nurses Conference. If you would like to be involved and provide feedback and insight on what is relevant for Nurses in the Southern Region, please [complete the form here](#) before COB Friday 26 May 2023. The time commitment required of you would be to virtually attend meetings every fortnight on a Thursday at 3pm.

Wānanga Tōkeke: Equity in Health Workshop

[Invercargill, 25th May 5pm – 8pm](#)
[Places still available, register here.](#)

Join WellSouth's Pou Tōkeke Māori Riiti Conway (Tuvalu, Kiribati) and Pou Tōkeke Emma-May Loretz (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Tamaterā) to learn about:

- Mihimihi & pepeha
- Foundations of Te Ao Māori
- Equity in General Practice
- Decolonising Primary Care: Overview of Cultural Safety and Cultural Competency

This workshop is open to anyone working in Primary Care, and will provide you with a general understanding of the above topics while helping you honour your obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and present you with some practical skills that you can take into your practices.

Collaborative Aotearoa Conference - Registrations Now Open

Registrations are now open for the upcoming Collaborative Aotearoa Conference this August in Wellington.

Date: 29 & 30 August 2023
Location: Wellington Tākina Centre
Register here: <https://collab.org.nz/conference-2023/registration/>

Last year the feedback on the Symposium was so positive, with attendees asking for a minimum two-day event to allow greater sharing and learning.

Full details for the conference are available on the [Collaborative Aotearoa website](#).

PMAANZ Conference - Registrations Now Open

You are invited to join this year's annual Practice Managers and Administrators Association of New Zealand Conference to be held at Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre. After a 14-year hiatus we are excited to be taking this year's conference back to the Canterbury Region.

Date: 14th - 16th September 2023
Location: Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre
Register here: <https://www.pmaanconference.org.nz/register>

The conference theme "Operation Transition: from reactive to proactive" provides a framework

for you to experience non-stop content, take home valuable tools and network with friends, old and new.

Early bird discounted registrations are available now until **Friday 30 June 2023**.

They have negotiated exclusive accommodation rates at central Christchurch hotels. All are within easy walking distance of the conference and reservations can be made as part of the registration process.

Full details available on the [PMAANZ Conference website](#).

Upcoming Training and Education courses

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

De-Escalation Webinar
Advance Care Planning
HealthPathways Webinar Series
CPR Update Sessions

Other [Workforce Development](#) opportunities.

GPNZ Primary Care Clinical Digest - 12 May



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2. IFAC 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Integrated Care (APIC3), Sydney November 13-15 2023
3. ACC Primary Care Provider Update May 2023
4. Updates for Pharmacists in General Practice weeks ending May 5 2023
5. Top Weekend Viewing

Read the update [here](#).

Last Call for Participants to Primary Health Care Research Prioritisation Study

This is a last call for participants for the research project '**Primary Health Care (PHC) Research Prioritisation**'. This project is based in the Department of General Practice and Rural Health, University of Otago. The results of the project will help identify the most significant research questions in PHC that need addressing to **improve health equity**.

Eligible participants include **primary health care providers and/or primary health care academics**.

The survey will only take around **10 minutes** to complete, and your participation would be highly appreciated and would contribute to the advancement of our research in this field.

Follow this link to the Survey:

[Take the Survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://otago.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dp5Z0jD0jVu1WAu?Q_CHL=email

[Information sheet of research prioritisation project](#)

The survey closes **1 June 2023**, so please make sure to complete it before then if you're interested in sharing your perspectives with us.

Change in gap for CIR early warning messages

On 15 May 2023 the COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) was changed to better reflect the advice provided to all sites regarding the timeframe between vaccine doses.

The recommended time between doses is 6 months. However, it is acceptable to have approximately 4 months between boosters, and approximately 5 months between the primary and booster doses.

Changes to CIR Warnings

When recording a consumer's first booster, the early vaccine warning message has been changed to display if the gap from the last primary dose is less than 150 days (approximately 5 months).

When recording any other booster, the early vaccine warning message has been changed to display if the gap from the last booster dose is less than 118 days (approximately 4 months).

About this newsletter

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

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