

Zoledronic Acid Infusion

Primary Options for Acute Care (POAC)



A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

The purpose of the POAC payment for administration of IV Zoledronate in primary care is to enable WellSouth's stated value of equity in access to care. It supports the administration of an effective and acceptable treatment to reduce fracture risk in osteoporosis by a fully funded and appropriate route, removing barriers to treatment and promoting long-term compliance.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/29549.htm>

Eligibility

Must meet one of the following high need criteria:

- Māori
- Pacific
- CSC (community services card) holder
- Q5

AND

Patient must be diagnosed with one of the following clinical qualification criteria:

- Osteoporosis (10 year calculated hip fracture risk \geq 3% or T score \leq -2.5 or T score \leq -1.5 on long-term gluco corticoid therapy)

OR

- Paget's Disease

Exclusions

- Patients who have had 3 infusions in the past 5 years.
- Non high needs patients.

Key Information

- The patient **must** have a GFR (calculated by Cockcroft -Gault Equation) $>$ 35ml/min within the past 3 months.
- Patients with a calculated GFR of between 25 and 35ml/min **may** qualify for subsidised infusion subject to Renal Specialist direction.
- The patient **must** have a normal serum calcium level within the past 3 months.
- Patient **must** be Vitamin D replete.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.



Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPPOCZ	\$143.75	Zoledronic Acid Infusion

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$125 + GST Zoledronic Acid Infusion

One claim per patient in 12 months.

Maximum of 3 claims per patient in 5 years (as per clinical guidance).

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.