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<p>Immunisation Pānui March 14 2024 View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached link to access the latest update on Immunisation.
<p>Public Health Advisory: Atypical increase in crypto cases across Aotearoa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a significant increase in cryptosporidiosis notifications in recent weeks. Since the start of 2024 there have been 262 cases across Aotearoa notified to public health services. Of the cases identified, 83% have been among people living in urban areas, mainly Auckland, the Waikato, and Canterbury. • Communications are being issued shortly urging the public to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ practice good hand hygiene ○ ensure children with diarrhoea symptoms are kept away from school or early learning services for at least 48 hours ○ stay away from swimming pools, splash pads and other recreational facilities for at least two weeks after experiencing diarrhoea symptoms ○ check recreational water quality monitoring websites regularly • Cryptosporidiosis cases can continue to shed the cryptosporidium parasite for up to two weeks after other symptoms have resolved. Please ensure patients with gastroenteritis symptoms are provided with these messages, especially around staying away from recreational swimming facilities after having diarrhoea. • All public health services across the motu have been asked to complete case reports for crypto cases. The National Public Health Service has also increased disease surveillance

	<p>across the motu to closely monitor crypto notifications and the spread of the disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suspected increase is thought to be linked to the recent warmer climate and increased rates of recreational swimming. There is no risk from public drinking water supplies. • For further information, visit: Cryptosporidiosis – Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora
<p>Decision on joint proposal with Te Whatu Ora to enable many childhood vaccinations to be given in Pharmacies View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on the attached link to view this Pharmac notification.
<p>Price increase for Abbott Foods’ Ensure Plus and Two Cal HN liquid supplements View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of this price increase can be viewed via the attached link.
<p>Proposal to list Trientine for the treatment of Wilson disease View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmac are looking for feedback on this proposal, the attached link can provide further information.
<p>Upcoming Lymphatic Disorders Info Day May 25 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lymph Info Trust are holding an event about lymphatic disorders at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington on May 25 2024, 9.00am – 3.00pm. This event is targeted at patients, but health professionals are also welcome to attend and broaden their knowledge about lymphoedema, lipoedema and vascular oedema. • For more information see www.lymphinfo.org.nz or email lymphinfoz@gmail.com.
<p>National Clinical Networks EOI for co-leads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Clinical Network programme aims to reduce variation in access to health services and ultimately improve health outcomes for all New Zealanders continues to expand. • The networks will involve hospital and primary care experts from across professional disciplines working with consumers and whānau, to influence how we prioritise and drive system change through the development of national standards and models of care. • Since October 2023, Networks have been announced for Stroke, Cardiac, Trauma, Renal, Radiology, Critical Care, Eye Health and Infection Services, with co-leads having been appointed for each of these. (Read their bios here.) • 12 more networks have been confirmed and expressions of interest are now open to be co-leads of the following networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ mental health ○ diabetes ○ maternity ○ oral health. • Expressions of interest close on 09 April 2024. Learn more and apply.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOIs for co-leads for the following networks will be phased over the coming months. The plan is for all of the following networks to be operational this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cancer ○ urology ○ pathology ○ respiratory ○ rural health ○ vascular surgery ○ ear, nose and throat ○ child health.
<p>Responsible use communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmac wishes to advise that their contract with Matui, for the provision of services to support primary care with the responsible use of medicines, is coming to an end on June 30. • Matui provides educational resources through their brand He Ako Hiringa and their platform Evaluating Prescribing to inform Care (EPiC) which provides prescribing analytics for prescribers, practices and nationally. • Pharmac have decided to change their approach from having a multi-year contract with a single provider, to having relationships with a range of providers and commissioning work as needed. • This approach will help them better align with the direction of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022, and adapt to the environment and the evolving needs of the sector. • Matui, under the brand, He Ako Hiringa, will continue to provide resources to support primary care with the responsible use of medicines, as well as access to the EPiC dashboard until June 30 2024 when the contract comes to an end. • Matui also publishes the dashboard and is presently evaluating whether the service may be able to continue with support from alternative sponsors. No decisions have been made yet. • Pharmac is committed to continuing to provide resources to the primary health care sector, and is keen to ensure these resources are relevant and responsive to the needs of health care professionals. • They will develop a responsible use work plan outlining the work required to set up the new approach. This will include establishing a cross-sector group of other agencies involved in responsible use work. • Pharmac has heard from health professionals that are keen to contribute to support the responsible use of medicines in Aotearoa and will keep the sector updated as this work develops. • Any questions, concerns, or feedback, please contact enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.
<p>Locating HIV and Hep C services via the HealthPoint website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice from Te Whatu Ora indicates that some Primary Care providers are finding it difficult to get easy access information regarding HIV.

See attached summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthpoint is a site where Primary Care can find out which pharmacies throughout the motu offer quick access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), as well as Needle exchange services, Maviret dispensing and Hepatitis C point of care testing. Attached is a summary about Healthpoint You can access the website at https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/ and see the attached Healthpoint summary.
Media Release: Funding process for child cancer medicines to remain View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To access this media release, click on the attached link.
Update profile for Pharmacists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmac have received a request to change subscription preferences for Update for Pharmacists. If you made this request, and would like to change your preferences, use this link: Update your preferences. If you did not make this request, it was probably submitted by someone else by mistake. You can ignore this email, and no changes will be made to your subscription preferences. For questions about this list, please contact: enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.
Updates for Pharmacists March 15 2024 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached link to view Pharmac update as at the close of this week.
Top Weekend Viewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This weekend we're again sticking with movies and these ones are in the sci-fi camp for all you sci-fi lovers out there!. These particular movies are about being alone in space (something to try and avoid)! Interesting fact, Moon was directed by Duncan Jones, the son of David Bowie. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaceman (Netflix) - Six months into a solo mission, a lonely astronaut confronts the cracks in his marriage with help from a mysterious creature he discovers on his ship. View trailer Moon (TVNZ+) - Astronaut Sam, the sole employee working at a lunar station with his computer, GERTY, is nearing the end of his three-year work contract. Just before he returns home, he meets with a fatal accident. View trailer The Martian (Disney+) - Mark Watney, an astronaut, strives to survive in Mars when a space mission goes wrong. While he undergoes different challenges, his colleagues in NASA exhaust all options to bring him home. View trailer