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<p>HPV 'Go-Live' Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should all take a moment to celebrate the role out of HPV self-testing, a potentially life saving, less invasive more accessible cervical screening service for all women in Aotearoa. If your practice is a Medtech user, you would have received release notes confirming that the HPV outcome codes have been updated in your PMS. Unfortunately, the updated codes that were released for Medtech practices do not match the nationally recommended outcome codes. • To mitigate clinical risk and to ensure overall data consistency we ask you to please manually update your PMS to reflect the nationally recommended HPV outcome codes. You'll find the codes and instructions (Medtech Evolution and Medtech 32 on how to do this on the Pinnacle health website. If you are not sure how to manually update your PMS and would like some support, please contact the practice support team at practice.support@pinnacle.health.nz / 07 838 5983. • GPNZ is advocating for this to be changed at the MedTech end but have not managed to get any progress updates from the Te Whatu Ora team prior to sending out the digest.
<p>HPV Primary Screening Provider Toolkits and Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the 'go-live' of HPV Primary Screening this week, please see the following helpful links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ view and download the Provider toolkits on the website, or directly at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Māori & all Aotearoa Campaign - Provider Toolkit ▪ Pacific Campaign - Provider Toolkit ○ additional support pack for Administrators within your organisations ○ support and drop-in session schedules, and provide toolkit resources on the website
<p>Survey to inform nurse pay gap advocacy – CLOSES Monday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPNZ is working alongside a range of other organisations regarding the pay gap for primary and community nurses, and the resulting impact on workforce and service provision.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the advocacy work we need up-to-date data on nurse vacancy FTE and the impact it is having on service provision. • Please fill in this very short form, survey closes Monday September 18. • Despite the rapid turnaround we've had over 200 responses so far, with 40 per cent of responding practices having to restrict or close nursing services due to a shortage of experienced nursing staff. • For more information please contact marie.simpson@gpnz.org.nz.
<p>Expressions of Interest now open for Palliative Care Working Group <i>See attached information (x2)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Whatu Ora holds the responsibility for developing a palliative care work programme co-sponsored by Te Aka Whai Ora. The purpose of this programme is to support a nationally consistent approach to palliative and end-of-life care planning, funding, service delivery and outcomes that ensures services meet the needs of all New Zealanders and their whānau. • The national palliative care steering group have announced that Expression of Interest applications are now open for the first working group: models of care – paediatric. • This working group will develop a national model of care for paediatric palliative care in Aotearoa, and provide recommendations to the steering group for this model to be successfully implemented. • This will be for people who are passionate about improving palliative and end-of-life services for tamariki (children) and rangatahi (adolescents and young adults), are keen to work collaboratively and have capacity to be involved in this national work. • Experience required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary, and/or specialist paediatric palliative care services ○ People with experience of receiving paediatric palliative care services and their whānau ○ Maternal and neonatal services (with a focus on paediatric palliative care) ○ Wellbeing for Māori and Pacific tamariki (children) and rangatahi (adolescents & young adults) and their whānau ○ Child health service policy, planning and funding ○ Improving access to paediatric palliative services (patients and whānau) ○ Paediatric palliative care research and education ○ Leadership in transition from paediatric to adult services. • For further information please see the attached the Expression of Interest application form and draft Terms of Reference. Applications for the models of care – paediatric working group close September 29 2023.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For further information about the national palliative care steering group and work programme, see National Palliative Care Work Programme – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand
Decision to list an alternative brand of Lomustine and widen access to Temozolomide for Gliomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmac has announced that to support the discontinuation of the CeeNU brand of lomustine, they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> widening access to temozolomide, an oral anti-cancer medicine, to all people with gliomas (a type of brain cancer) from October 1 2023; and listing an alternative brand of lomustine (branded as Cecenu) from July 1 2024. This would need to be prescribed and dispensed in line with Section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981. These changes are being made to ensure people with this type of brain cancer have treatment options available and to minimise the impact of the discontinuation of the CeeNU brand of lomustine. More information can be found on the Pharmac website.
Appointment of Interim National Chief Nursing Officer View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the online information on the appointment of Emma Hickson as Interim National Chief Nursing Officer. Congratulations to Emma.
Supply Updates for Pharmacists September 15 2023 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See latest supply update covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New medicine notices Updated issues Resolved issues Recent decisions Open consultations Monthly updates
Updates for Pharmacists in General Practice September 15 2023 View online	<p>Supply issues: <i>Up-to-date information on supply issues can be found on the Pharmac website</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methylphenidate ER 18 mg, 27 mg, and 36 mg tablets methylphenidate medicines notice Aqueous Cream aqueous cream medicines notice Rivastigmine Patch Rivastigmine patch medicines notice Dulaglutide (Trulicity) 1.5 mg the dulaglutide supply issue notice Salbutamol inhaler (Asthalin) nebuliser 1 mg per ml Salbutamol (Asthalin) nebuliser 1 mg per ml notice Salbutamol inhaler (Respigen) Salbutamol inhaler (Respigen) notice Nutricia foods product Nutricia medicine notice Oestradiol (Estradot) patches oestradiol (Estradot) patches notice <p>Discontinuation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid) and alternative treatment – more information can be found here or email enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz <p>Resolved issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laxsol (Docusate sodium with sennosides)

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<p>Top Weekend Viewing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With it being Māori Language Week, there are some great programmes to watch on TVNZ+ as some of our well-known TV personalities take you on a personal journey on what being Māori means to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hongi to Hāngī - Tāmati Rimene-Sproat provides the answers to everything you didn’t know about te ao Māori, when you might have been too afraid to ask. ○ Moko the World - Celebrating the special taonga of giving and receiving tā moko. Join tā moko artist Henare Brooking on a road trip around Aotearoa and Australia. ○ Origins - Join Scotty Morrison on a deeply personal journey to find out who the first people in Aotearoa were, where they came from and how they got here.