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Measles Cases Update

- As at Friday October 20 there are seven confirmed cases of measles across several parts of the motu – including in Northland, Waikato, the central region and Te Wai Pounamu. This includes the index case and six secondary cases.
- All secondary cases were in quarantine when they developed symptoms.
- The original measles case and the majority of the close contacts of this person have now been released from isolation and quarantine, with the last remaining few close contacts set to be released in the coming days.
- If a Te Whatu Ora public health service requests that an identified measles close contact attends primary care for a measles test/consultation, this will be funded by Te Whatu Ora, for this long weekend only. The GP will be able to invoice the PHO and the PHO will then invoice the relevant Te Whatu Ora public health service.
- Te Whatu Ora posts updates about locations of interest / exposure events
[where people may have been at risk of infection on its website.](#)

Expressions of Interest now open for Palliative Care Equity Working Group
See attached documents (x2)

- The attached Expression of Interest details who should and how to apply, role requirements and key dates.
- For further information, see draft palliative care equity working group terms of reference attached or contact stephanie.read@healt.govt.nz

Ruruku – Latest News and Updates from Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora October 19 2023
[View online](#)

- You can view Ruruku online covering the following:
 - Message from the Chief Executives
 - Stakeholder virtual hui
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Recycling Week 16-22 October
 - Measles case identified in Aotearoa
 - NZ dementia work showcased in the Hague
 - 2023 Foundation100 Fellowship Award - Mr Nishith Patel

<p>GPNZ Inbox Management Webinars See attached flyer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPNZ held its first very successful inbox management webinar on workforce on October 18. If you missed it, you can view on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M6II27cF-o There are two more upcoming webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology advancements November 8 12.30pm Medico-legal perspectives November 22 12.30pm To register, go to www.gpnz.org.nz 																					
<p>Primary Care AI Special Interest Group – Updated Link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPs, nurse practitioners, HPIs and primary care professionals who are interested in exploring the opportunities, risks, and guidance needed for incorporating AI tools such as clinical scribes, Nabla Co-Pilot, Chart-Note, and others into primary care practices are invited to join a special interest group focusing on the use of AI tools in primary care. The aim of this group is to facilitate discussions, share experiences, and collaborate on best practices for the successful implementation and utilisation of AI tools in primary care settings. The first meeting is likely to be Thursday November 2 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. To register, please click here. From this meeting ongoing interest, frequency and format will be assessed. Any questions you may have, please contact Dr Janine Bycroft janine@healthnavigator.org.nz / Tom Broadhead tom.broadhead@rnzcgp.org.nz / Dr Karl Cole karl@pfd.co.nz <table border="1" data-bbox="643 1025 1385 1547"> <tr> <td>Draft agenda 7pm:</td> <td>Whakawhanaungatanga</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.10pm:</td> <td>3 GPs/NPs – 5 mins each to share their experience using virtual scribes/assistants to date</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.30pm</td> <td>What’s happening internationally and nationally?</td> <td>Karl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.40 pm</td> <td>RNZCGP – discussion questions</td> <td>Luke and Tom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8pm</td> <td>Medico-legal perspectives</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.10</td> <td>Te Whatu Ora or Innovation team perspectives</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.20</td> <td>Discussion and next steps</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Draft agenda 7pm:	Whakawhanaungatanga		7.10pm:	3 GPs/NPs – 5 mins each to share their experience using virtual scribes/assistants to date		7.30pm	What’s happening internationally and nationally?	Karl	7.40 pm	RNZCGP – discussion questions	Luke and Tom	8pm	Medico-legal perspectives	Pending	8.10	Te Whatu Ora or Innovation team perspectives	Pending	8.20	Discussion and next steps	
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<p>World AMR Awareness Week November 18-24 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global theme = Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Together National theme = Indications on Antimicrobial Prescriptions Resources for WAAW 2023 are available here including poster, bulletin (can be adapted for local needs), email signatures (x 2) and screensaver. Still to come are an educational quiz on AMR, and social media tiles. This national theme is important for wider research project (introductory letter is here). 																					
<p>Olanzapine Depot Injections (Zyprexa Relprevv) Supply Issue Further Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmac can confirm that a shipment of the 300 mg and 405 mg strengths of olanzapine depot injection has arrived and is making its way through the supply chain. Further shipments of 300 mg and 405 mg strengths of olanzapine depot injection are expected to arrive during November and December. This stock will be allocated weekly from the supplier to wholesalers, and consequently from 																					

	<p>wholesalers to their customers. Please note this is a dynamic situation and quantities available are subject to change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmac will be meeting with Pharmaco twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, until the supply issue is resolved. • Please see https://pharmac.govt.nz/olanzapine for further updates.
Pulse Oximeters Available for Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for providing Pulse Oximeters to COVID positive patients ended October 1. • Pulse oximeters are still available until stocks run out for practices to order for any patients (or practice) they would like (can be used for patients other than COVID +ve patients). • These can be ordered through your standard ordering channels until stock is exhausted or for more information, please contact Rebekah.doran@health.govt.nz
Vigabatrin 500 mg Tablets Back in Stock View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached update on Vigabatrin (Sabril) 500 mg availability.
Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See summary of the changes to be announced in next month's Community Schedule (Section B) and Hospital Schedule (Section H). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ View the changes in next month's Community Schedule ○ View the changes in next month's Hospital Schedule • The complete changes will be published in the Online Schedule and Online Hospital Medicines List (HML) and are effective from the following month. • Any questions about these listing changes or the Pharmaceutical Schedule in general, email enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.
Pharmac Notification Correction: September Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please follow this link to Pharmac website for the correction to September 2023 Tender Notification.
Decision to Amend Pharmaceutical Rules to Align Funding with the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please follow this link to the Pharmac decision regarding a Proposal to amend Pharmaceutical Schedule Rules to align funding with the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023.
Pharmac: Supply Updates for Pharmacists October 20 2023 View online Updates for Pharmacists in General Practice October 10-16 2023 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View online to see the latest information across both these updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New medicine notices ○ Supply and updated issues ○ Notifications ○ Resolved issues ○ Recent decisions ○ Open consultations ○ Monthly updates ○ Increase in the number of supply issues ○ Expressions of Interest for Pharmac's Advisory Committees
Top Weekend Viewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had to happen sometime. For all you Trekkies out there, why not go 'where no-one has gone before' and check out some of the spin-offs from the original Star Trek series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strange New Worlds (TVNZ+ and Prime Video) - Captain Pike, Science Officer Spock and Number One explore new worlds around the galaxy on the USS. Enterprise. Watch trailer ○ Discovery (Netflix) - Michael Burnham and her companions in the USS Discovery travel into the far

reaches of space in an attempt to meet new lifeforms and discover new planets. [Watch trailer](#)

- **Enterprise (Netflix)** - Much before Captain Kirk's mission, Jonathan Archer leads the first starship, Enterprise. On their inter-galactic missions, the crew encounter several alien races and are exposed to new technologies. [Watch trailer](#)