

## 1. Changes to Thames Fluoroscopy Service

Changes in practice and ageing fluoroscopy equipment at Thames Hospital have resulted in the decision to centralise fluoroscopy services, i.e. all Barium contrast procedures, to Waikato Hospital. All requests for these procedures will be prioritised at Waikato Hospital. Requests should be sent to Waikato Hospital, but any sent to Thames Hospital will be promptly forwarded to Waikato. The current waiting time for barium procedures is between 1 and 2 months depending on urgency.

Thames Hospital continues to provide a very responsive endoscopy service by referral to the Thames general surgeons.

## 2. Community Medication Authority Forms

Attached to the July Outreach is the most up to date version of the Waikato DHB community medication authority form, for use when you require a District Nurse to administer any form of medication.

There are many versions of this form in circulation so please discard all other versions of this form that you may currently be using.

Copies of the form are available on the Waikato DHB website at [www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/GP](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/GP) under Health Waikato Forms or feel free to photocopy the form that will accompany Outreach. Alternatively please contact Tracey Kunac, Community Resource Nurse, who will send out as many forms as you require. Her contacts are 07 839 8899 ext 23126, 021 930 542, fax 07 834 3662 or email [kunact@waikatodhb.govt.nz](mailto:kunact@waikatodhb.govt.nz).

## 3. Trauma Service

The recently established Trauma Service at Waikato Hospital provides a holistic overview of the management of trauma patients, aiming to ensure best care and outcomes for those patients. Please note that the service does **not** take acute referrals from primary providers, but rather functions as an expert consultation service to the hospital clinical teams involved in the initial assessment and ongoing management of patients with significant trauma. They also assist with discharge planning and follow-up management of selected patients with complex injuries, which includes liaison with GPs, other health professionals and community agencies. The service is actively involved in education and has established a regular Trauma Forum for all those involved with trauma patients. GPs are most welcome to attend these meetings, which generally take place at the Bryan Education Centre on

Thursdays at 7.30am, and will be personally invited if they are involved in any particular situation being discussed.

Members of the Trauma Service team are Mr Grant Christey, Clinical Director, Kheman Rajkomar, Trauma Registrar and Jenny Dorrian, Trauma Nurse Co-ordinator.

## 4. GP Direct Website Page

Just a reminder about the GP Direct page of the Waikato DHB website. It contains a variety of information that may be useful to GPs, such as copies of Outreach, primary care management guidelines and service specific information, all of which you are able to print from the site if desired. The idea is to build up an on line library of resources that might be of particular value to GPs, so please let me know if there is other information you would like to see there. Do check it out if you are not familiar with it:

[www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/GP](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/GP) will take you directly there.

## 5. Welcome to...

**Shailesh Kumar** (Regional Forensic Psychiatrist) who attended medical school in Calcutta and postgraduate studies in India before moving to London for further training. He moved to Rotorua in 1997 and worked as Consultant Psychiatrist, Head of Department, Director of Postgraduate Education in Psychiatry, Director of Clinical Training and Intern Supervisor. He is an honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Auckland. He is married with 3 children.

## 6. "Life etc" for Waiting Rooms

The Waikato Times in association with Waikato DHB produces "Life etc" supplement three times a year. It provides readers with articles on local health issues and healthy lifestyles, supported by credible advertising.

The next supplement will be issued with the Waikato Times edition of **Friday 28 JULY**.

"Life etc" may be a useful addition to your waiting room reading material. To get extra copies or discuss advertising contact: Clare Hurley

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Clinic	Category	Waiting Time
Audiology	Children 9-32 mths	2 months
	Under 17 years	2-3 months
	Children's hearing aids	4 weeks
	Adult diagnostic tests	4 months
	Adult hearing aids	6 months
	Central auditory processing test	12 months
Breast Care	Urgent	3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4-5 months
	*BCC Imaging	2 weeks
Cardiac Surgery	Urgent	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3-6 weeks
Cardiology	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent	2-9 months
	Routine	9-12 months
Colposcopy	Invasive	Within 7 days
	High grade	4 weeks
	Low grade	26 weeks +
	Non cervical	26 weeks +
Dental	Urgent	24 hours
	Semi-urgent	3 weeks
	Routine	2 months
Dermatology (1) Fax urgent referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	24 hours
	Semi-urgent	6 weeks
	Routine	6 months
Paediatric Dermatology		7 months
Dermatology Lesion Clinic	Urgent	7 days
	Semi-urgent	4 weeks
	Routine	6 months
Diabetes Consultant (2)	Urgent	1-3 months
	Semi-urgent	3-5 months
	Routine	6 months
Diabetes Nurse Educator	Urgent	Within 7 days
	Semi-urgent	Within 6 weeks
Endocrinology	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent	2-6 months
	Routine	9-12 months
Endoscopy/Colonoscopy Medical	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-Urgent	4-6 weeks
Surgical	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	24 months
ENT	Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent (children)	4-5 months
	Semi-urgent (adults)	6 months
Gastro-enterology	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-6 weeks
General Medicine	Urgent	1-2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 weeks
	Routine	2-3 months
General Surgery	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi urgent	2-6 months
Gynaecology	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	6 months
	Routine	6 months
Haematology	Urgent	2-8 weeks
	Semi-urgent	6-4 weeks
	Routine	4-10 months
	DVT	4 months
Maxillo-facial	Urgent	Within 24 hours
	Semi-urgent	Within 3 weeks
	Routine	3 months
Neurology	Urgent	1-3 months
	Semi-urgent	3-10 months
	EMG urgent	1-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
	EEG urgent routine	2-8 weeks
Neurosurgery	Urgent	2-6 months
	Semi-urgent	Within 1 month
		Within 6 months

Clinic	Category	Waiting Time
Oncology and Medical	Priority 1	1-2 days
	Priority 2	5-10 working days
	Priority 3	25-35 working days
	Priority 1	1-2 days
	Priority 2	5-10 working days
Radiation	Priority 3	45-50 working days
Ophthalmology	Urgent	within 1 month
	Urgent laser	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent – Children	within 6 months
	Semi-urgent – Adults	11 months
	Semi-urgent (diabetic) Minor Operation Clinic	1 month within 6 months
Orthopaedic	General – Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Up to 3 months
	Routine	Up to 6 months
	Paediatrics – Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Up to 4 months
	Routine Paediatric Gait Clinic	Up to 6 months 1-6 weeks
Paediatric Medicine	Urgent	3-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2 months
	Routine	2-3 months
Paediatric Surgical	Urgent	1 week
	Semi-urgent	Within 2 weeks
	Routine	3 weeks
Pain clinic	Urgent	Up to 3 months
	Semi-urgent	Up to 5 months
	Routine	6 months
Physiotherapy	General musculoskeletal	5 days (urgent) 6-8 weeks (routine) 2-3 weeks
	Respiratory	4 weeks
	Rheumatology	2 days (urgent)
	Women's Health	2-3 weeks (routine)
Plastics (1) Fax immediate/acute referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4 months
	Routine	6 months +
Plastics Lesion clinic	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4 months
	Routine	6 months +
Rehabilitation	Day Clinic (Physio Only)	1-3 weeks
Renal	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Respiratory	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-2 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Rheumatology (3)	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-2 months
	Routine	2-4 months
Thyroid	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-Urgent	4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Ultrasound	Urgent	1-2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-3 months
	Routine	3-6 months
Urology		Within 2 months
Vascular	Urgent	1-4 weeks
Vascular Surgery	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent Routine	2-4 months 4-6 months
<b>Adult Mental Health Waiting Times</b>		
Community mental health team	Crisis referrals Non-crisis/routine	Within 24 hours Within 10 days

1 Immediate & urgent dermatology/plastics cases must be discussed with the specialist or registrar to allow appropriate prioritisation.

2 All urgent diabetes referrals can be seen on the same day.

3 All urgent rheumatology cases should be discussed with the rheumatologist.

4 Carotid studies are now being done by the vascular laboratory.

5 OPHTHALMOLOGY – PLEASE NOTE FAXED REFERRALS ARE NOT ACCEPTED UNLESS THE PATIENT IS ACUTE AND YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH THE REGISTRAR. ON YOUR ACUTE FAX REFERRAL PLEASE ADVISE THE NAME OF THE DOCTOR WITH WHOM YOU DISCUSSED THE CASE.

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