

Working together to achieve immunisation, breast and cervical screening targets

Uptake of immunisation, breast and cervical screening still falls short of targets set by the MOH.

- Immunisation: Since July 2005 87% of Waikato children have received the 6 week immunisation and 66% the 15 month immunisation. *National target 95% fully immunised at 2yrs, Waikato DHB target for 2007/08 76%.*
- Breast Screening: 53% of eligible Waikato women have been screened (33% Maori, 38% Pacific, 58% other) *National target 70% by 2008/09*
- Cervical Screening: 71% eligible Waikato women screened within 3 years (48% Maori, 47% Pacific, 51% Asian, 81% other). *National target 85%*

Waikato DHB and PHOs are working together to implement local initiatives and promote national initiatives to improve immunisation and screening uptake:

Immunisation

- Meeting together quarterly with other key partners to discuss and implement initiatives
- Improving Outreach Immunisation Service coverage and service delivery.
- Supporting successful local initiatives e.g. more telephoning, local outreach.
- Supporting initiatives shown to improve coverage e.g. early enrolment of babies, effective GP pre-call / recall systems, fewer missed opportunities / more opportunistic vaccination, active GP immunisation promotion.
- Increase influenza vaccine coverage for targeted populations. Practices that successfully immunise their own staff are also associated with higher coverage of their patients.

Breast Screening

- Funding GPs \$5 per electronic eligible enrolment from 1 October.
- Providing GPs with NHIs of their enrolled patients who are eligible but not enrolled in BSA.
- Using Sandy Wright (Breast Screening Midland Primary Care liaison) to assist GPs with their enrolments.
- Evening phone calls to women who do not respond to invitational letter.

Cervical Screening

- Local media to support national media campaign that commenced Sep 2007.
- Register staff to assist smear takers with ensuring women are up to date with smears.
- Implementation of new national register before July 2008.
- Smear takers evening 1 November 2007.

If you have any questions or ideas to offer, please contact Clare Coles, Manager Breast Care and Screening Services (07) 834 3631 or colescl@waikatodhb.govt.nz

Know Your Nodes – Lymphoma education information

It's been dubbed 'the cancer that no-one knows' and it occurs in a part of the body that remains a mystery to

most New Zealanders. The number of people diagnosed with lymphoma more than doubled in the last decade. (In 2005 there were 779 new cases of lymphoma in New Zealand). To mark World Lymphoma Awareness Day on September 15, the Leukaemia & Blood Foundation launched a website, www.knowyournodes.org.nz, which helps the public learn about the disease by completing a fun quiz and by providing information about the signs and symptoms of the disease.

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Welcome to ...

David MacKintosh, Palliative Care, graduated in Scotland in 1976 and has been working in Sydney since 1981 in a variety of settings, including 12 years in general practice and in palliative care since 1998. David says "Being interested in symptom control is mandatory, of course, but my special interests are in psychosocial aspects of palliative care, particularly the importance of the family as the unit of care and the ethical aspects of end of life decision making." He also maintains a web site which is intended to assist in recovering literature relevant to palliative care from the "Medline" online database through "PubMed". Further development is in hibernation because of the move from Sydney to Hamilton but anybody interested can have a look on www.palliativecareatstb.com

Transit Lounge

Construction of the new Transit Lounge at Waikato Hospital is due to be completed in early December, as part of the major Service and Campus Redevelopment Project.

The lounge is physically located at the north end of the new Carpark and Entry building, which is also nearing completion.

The Transit Lounge is a purpose-built area with lounge, two beds, waiting area, toilet, and staff base.

It will be used by discharged patients who are waiting for a bus, taxi, or to be picked up by family/friends, and will also 'hold' day stay patients e.g. those who have come here for diagnostic procedures and are waiting for transport back to one of our community hospitals. The Transit Lounge will be open seven days per week with reduced hours of operation on the weekends and public holidays.

Outreach circulation

Printed copies of Outreach are currently mailed to a significant number of GPs and referrers in the wider Midland region.

This will continue until the end of this year. From 2008 we will be reducing our mailing list to referrers within our DHB district, but issues of Outreach will be available as usual to all referrers and GPS via our website: www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/GP

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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	6 months
Breast Care	Urgent	3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3 month
	*BCC Imaging Urgent only	2 weeks
Cardiac Surgery	Urgent	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3-6 weeks
Cardiology	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent	2-6 months
	Routine	6 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	4 months
Dermatology (1) Fax urgent referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	5 days
	Semi-urgent	3 months
	Routine	6 months
Paediatric Dermatology		5 months
Dermatology Lesion Clinic	Urgent	7 days
	Semi-urgent	4 weeks
	Routine	6 months
Diabetes Consultant (2)	Urgent	1 month
	Semi-urgent	2 month
	Routine	Within 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	Within 6 months
Endoscopy/Colonoscopy Medical	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	12-18 months
Surgical	Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent (children)	4-5 months
	Semi-urgent (adults)	6 months
ENT	Urgent	1-6 weeks
	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	1-5 months
Gynaecology	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3 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	2-8 weeks
	routine	2-6 months
Neurosurgery	Urgent	Within 1 month
	Semi-urgent	Within 6 months
Oncology and Medical	Priority 1	1-2 days
	Priority 2	5-10 working days
	Priority 3	25-30 working days
Radiation	Priority 1	1-2 days
	Priority 2	5-10 working days
	Priority 3	25-30 working days

Clinic	Category	Waiting Time
Ophthalmology	Urgent	within 1 month
	Urgent laser	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent – Children	within 6 months
	Semi-urgent – Adults	6 months
	Semi-urgent (diabetic)	1 month
	Minor Operation Clinic	within 6 months
Orthopaedic	General – Urgent	1-8 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Up to 3 months
	Routine	Up to 6 months
	Paediatrics – Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Up to 4 months
	Routine	Up to 6 months
	Paediatric Gait Clinic	NB: referrals may be initially seen by a Generalist Orthopaedic Surgeon
	CDH/DDH Assess	1-8 weeks
		1-6 weeks
Paediatric Medicine	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent	3 months
	Routine	3-6 months
Paediatric Surgical	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4-6 weeks
	Routine	8-12 weeks
Pain clinic	Urgent	Up to 1 month
	Semi-urgent	Up to 3 months
	Routine	6 months
Physiotherapy	General musculoskeletal	5 days (urgent)
		6-8weeks (routine)
	Respiratory	5 days (urgent)
		4 weeks (semiurgent)
		4 weeks
	Rheumatology	5 days (urgent)
	Women's Health	2-3weeks (routine)
	Continance	5 days (urgent)
		4 weeks (semiurgent)
		3-4 months (non-urgent)
Plastics (1) Fax immediate / acute referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3 months
	Routine	5 months
Plastics Lesion clinic	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4 months
	Routine	6 months
Rehabilitation	Day Clinic (Physio Only)	1-3 weeks
	Day Clinic (OT)	1-3 weeks
	Rehab Clinic (Physio)	1-3 weeks
	Rehab Clinic (OT)	1-3 weeks
	Rehab Clinic (Neuropsychologist)	
	Urgent	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-6 months
Routine	2 years	
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	Very Urgent	1 week
	Urgent	2 weeks
	Priority	4 weeks
	Routine	5 weeks
	Non-urgent	6 weeks
Urology		Within 2 months
Vascular	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Vascular Surgery	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Adult Mental Health Waiting Times		
Community mental health team	Crisis referrals	Within 24 hours
	Non-crisis/routine	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.

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