

Primary Options Programme Northland

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POPN WEBSITE

Our website www.manaiaapho.co.nz/primaryoptions has been updated and we ask that you please **throw out all old manuals** and just refer to the website as this will have all of the up to date information regarding Primary Options.

The new fosfomycin pathway, altered pneumonia and asthma pathways are all now on the website. Carolyn and Jenny are available to answer your queries on the numbers below.

MPSO FUNDED DRUGS

Please note that POPN **DOES NOT FUND MPSO** drugs – these are already funded!

This includes bags of saline – please check to see if the consumables that you are claiming for are not already funded to avoid double dipping.

FOSFOMYCIN

Fosfomycin is a section 29 antibiotic now available through POPN to treat long-standing UTIs that are resistant to commonly prescribed oral antibiotics.

GPs who would like to prescribe this for their patients must call the microbiologist at Whangarei Base Hospital (David Hammer) to authorise this. The script is then faxed to Kensington Pharmacy who will then courier to the practice for the patient to collect.

Please see the POPN website for more information

www.manaiaapho.co.nz/primaryoptions

SUSPECTED DVT

PLEASE NOTE – we have sent out four reminders in newsletters regarding the pathway for suspected DVT patients in Manaia PHO (Whangarei/Kaipara). We are still finding that there is confusion around this process!

If a patient comes in with a suspected DVT please call the radiology department in NDHB 09 430 4101 ext 7591. They will ask for a d dimer result (over 250) and the Primary Care Decision Rule score (this is available under suspected DVT on Healthpoint and on our website under DVT).

If you have a patient with a d dimer result of **UNDER 250** and you still have a high clinical suspicion of DVT then we can organise an ultrasound for the patient privately. **ALL OTHERS** can be referred directly to radiology.

If you have any queries we are happy to assist – call Carolyn or Jenny on 09 438 1015.

IV TRAINING

We will be holding IV cannulation training in the coming months.

Please email Jenny Barrett on jennyb@manaiapho.co.nz if you or any of your staff are interested in participating in this training and we will advise dates once confirmed.

ABOUT PRIMARY OPTIONS PROGRAMME NORTHLAND (POP N)

Primary Options funding offers general practice an alternative to referring their patients acutely to hospital. A range of services are available to support patients to be cared for in the community.

If you would like to book in a time for Carolyn and/or Jenny to visit for education, training or just advice please contact us:

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Access the manual, guidelines and forms online at:
http://www.manaiapho.co.nz/primary_options