

Primary Options Programme Northland

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About Primary Options Programme Northland (POPN)

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. These include:

- Access to diagnostics (e.g. scans)
- IV therapy (can be arranged external to your practice)
- Extended GP services
- Home help
- Respite care in a rest home
- Assistance with transport of patients
- Short term equipment supplies
- Zoledronate infusions (also can be external)

Referrals may be made electronically or by fax – for help with this contact:

Carolyn Jones (Programme Coordinator)

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Jenny Barrett (Project Administrator)

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ACCESSING THE POPN MANUAL

The Primary Options Manual is available from the Manaia PHO website:

http://www.manaiapho.co.nz/primary_options.

The manual has relevant information, instructions how to use the programme, algorithms for key conditions and forms used for the programme. Frequently asked questions and answers and claiming guidelines regarding the programme are also available on the website. New policies will be posted on the website shortly

If you would like a hard copy of the manual please contact Jenny Barrett on 09 438 1015.

IV INFUSIONS / IV ANTIBIOTICS

POPN can fund IV antibiotics and IV infusions (e.g. Zoledronate) if patients fit the criteria.

If you do not wish to give these infusions in your practice please call Carolyn or Jenny on 438 1015 to organize this at Kensington Hospital who are able to provide IV therapy 7 days per week.

Cellulitis, Enoxaparin and Ondansetron kits

- These are available Northland-wide from Kensington Pharmacy.
- Please call Kensington Pharmacy on 09 437 3722 if you would like supplies of these kits.
- Re-order sheets are supplied in the kits. Once a kit is used, simply fax the re-order form to Kensington Pharmacy for supplies to be replenished.
- The plastic containers are recyclable.
- Three day cellulitis kits are now available.
- Kits are supplied with “springfusor” tubing. Please contact Carolyn if you would like a demonstration of the springfusor pumps. POPN have a number of pumps free at the moment.

Please call Jenny or Carolyn on 09 438 1015 if you have any queries or if you would like staff to come to your practice and help you with claiming.

It is important to gain patient’s informed consent prior to being treated under the Primary Options Programme.

Patient information brochures regarding cellulitis and DVT are available by emailing jennyb@manaiapho.co.nz

Early Discharge Pathway

This pathway has been underway for two months now and a number of successful referrals have been put through with great satisfaction by patients.

GPs will be asked to accept clinical responsibility for any of their patients under this pathway. **If the GP decides not to accept responsibility then the patient will remain in hospital.**

Please see the guidelines in the current manual online at www.manaiapho.co.nz.

Primary care IV training in Northland

If you would like to do a course in IV cannulation please contact Carolyn on 09 438 1015. Please note there will be a cost of \$90.00 +GST per participant.

A GP refresher course will also be available shortly.

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

Carolyn Jones: carolynj@manaiapho.co.nz or

Jenny Barrett: jennyb@manaiapho.co.nz.

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