

Primary Options Programme Northland

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Cellulitis kit supply

Please note - from the 1st August 2012 we will be using **EBOS Healthcare** as our supplier for cellulitis kits. Kits are able to be ordered using the 0800 105501 number or by fax 0800 262262.

An EBOS rep should have contacted your practice prior to 1st August to explain how to order the kits through them.

The kits currently come without medication. Cephazolin is able to be ordered via EBOS and probenecid by script from your local pharmacy. Clexane is still available from Kensington pharmacy.



Pathway for Suspected DVT

PLEASE NOTE – 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 500) and the Primary Care Decision Rule score (this is available on our website under suspected DVT).

If you have a patient with a d - dimer result of **UNDER 500** 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.

In the **mid north** please call us to organise an ultrasound for your patient in Kerikeri.

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

D DIMER CLEARVIEW KITS

These have been recalled in Auckland due to a number of false negative results therefore until we get the results of the investigation into this it has been decided to suspend supply of these until then.





Staff Changes

Jenny Barrett has left us to pursue her career in the arts – It has been a huge pleasure working with Jenny for the past three years and we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are very lucky to welcome **Lisa Russ** who joins us as our new administrator for Primary Options. Lisa has extensive experience in accounts, banking and business and has worked in a variety of roles within these services. If you need any administration or primary options assistance please don't hesitate to contact
Lisa on 09 4381015

Information Needed For Claims

Please remember to fill in all relevant details for a patient referral. In line with the clinical guidelines on our website (www.manaiaapho_primaryoptions) The amount claimed must be reflected in the notes accompanying the referral and outcome. If the patient has had IV antibiotics for cellulitis please document whether the patient has been trialled on oral antibiotics or not. If not please document why. Also, if the patient has had an infusion of Zoledronate, to be eligible for Primary options funding they must have trialled oral bisphosphonates (Fosamax) and be intolerant to these. This must be documented in the notes. If this is not in the notes the claim will not be paid until these notes are received.

Primary Options Website

Our website www.manaiaapho.co.nz/primaryoptions has been updated and we ask that you please **THROW OUT ALL OLD POPN MANUALS**

and just refer to the website as this will have all of the up to date information regarding Primary Options.

Please CONTACT US if you have any queries regarding Primary Options

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