

Clinical Digest

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Ruruku - News and Updates from Te Whatu Ora

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- Message from the Chief Executive
 - Implementation plan for health targets launched today
 - Virtual hui recording now available
 - More than 500 new doctors to join Health NZ hospitals
 - New NHI format from 1 July 2026
 - Health agencies working with Police on mental health responses
 - Using social media to raise the profile of pharmacists
 - Māori Language Week 2024
 - Telestroke service speeds up assessment for stroke patients
 - Mental health team providing skills for recovery
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Consultation Open: Draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025- 2029

- Suicide affects far too many New Zealand families, whānau and communities. This is an opportunity to share your feedback on the draft action plan to help prevent suicide in Aotearoa.
 - Have your say on the [draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025-2029](#) from Manatū Hauora.
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Reminder of end of free RATs on 30 September 2024

- Te Whatu Ora has today [sent information to general practice, urgent care and pharmacies to confirm free RATs end on 30 September](#).
 - Publicly funded rapid antigen tests (RATs) remain available until 30 September 2024 for healthcare providers to access directly from the Te Whatu Ora Central Supply and the public to access through our Community Provider Distribution Channel.
 - From 1 October 2024, providers will need to purchase RATs from the commercial market.
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Health Targets Implementation Plans

- This week the Health Minister, Dr Shane Reti, revealed details of how the Government's health targets will be achieved.
 - Find out more about [Health Targets Implementation Plans on the Te Whatu Ora website](#).
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Public Health message in relation to Mpox

- Please see [this public health advisory from Te Whatu Ora, issued 11 September](#) for details of the two mpox cases confirmed in NZ linked to Winter Pride Festival in Queenstown (22 Aug – 1 Sept).
 - Clinicians are asked to prioritise assessment and testing of individuals with symptoms compatible with mpox who attended Winter Pride or related events or had sexual contact with event attendees and notify their local public health service urgently of any suspected cases.
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Proposal to fund medicines for lung cancer, breast cancer, for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and for the prevention of RSV

- Pharmac is after [feedback on a proposal](#) to fund more medicines for lung cancer, breast cancer, for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and for the prevention of RSV.
 - Consultation opens on Friday September 13 and closes on Monday October 7.
 - Find out [more about the proposal, including how to provide feedback, on the Pharmac website](#).
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Feedback on proposals to fund lisdexamfetamine and remove the renewal criteria for stimulant treatments

- Pharmac is now consulting publicly on a [proposal to fund lisdexamfetamine](#) for the treatment of ADHD and to remove the renewal criteria for stimulant treatments - methylphenidate, dexamfetamine and modafinil.
 - The Pharmac website will be updated as the proposal progresses. If you have any questions, please email enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.
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Decision to widen access to immunotherapies for six types of cancer, and treatments to prevent fungal infections

- Pharmac has [decided to widen access to two immunotherapy medicines for cancer and two medicines for preventing fungal infections](#) in people with weakened immune systems.
 - You can [follow progress on the cancer and other drug funding on the Pharmac website](#).
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Nurse Practitioner Training Programme 2025

- Te Whatu Ora yet to confirm funding for the 2025 Nurse Practitioner Training Programme.
 - The number of places will be confirmed once Te Whatu Ora completes its training budget and publishes its 2024/25 workforce plan.
 - [Expressions of Interest for the University of Auckland NPTP 2025 programme are now open](#).
 - The EOI process closes 5pm on Monday 7 October 2024.
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ICIC Call for Papers now open: 14-16 May 2025 in Portugal

- The 25th International Conference on Integrated Care (ICIC25) will take place in Lisbon on 14-16 May 2025.
 - Find out more about the [conference themes and abstract process](#).
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Invitation to take part in Health Information and Bundled Consent in Primary Care research

- General Practice enrolment forms require individuals to have 'read and understood the Health Information Sheet', which outlines that their health information (including patient notes, lab results and imaging) will be collected and shared with other organisations including researchers.
- Currently, service users are unable to opt out of their data being collected and (re)used if they wish to access primary care services.

- The research team are interested in the thoughts and experiences providers and experts have with the bundling of consent in general practice enrolment forms to better understand the realities and potential ethical issues of this practice.
- The invitation to participate in the research is open to those who work in primary care and are involved with collecting or accessing patient information; or those who work in an advisory, policy or leadership role in data ethics, health information and/or privacy.
- To find out more, or to participate in the study please contact Associate Professor Monique Jonas, m.jonas@auckland.ac.nz

Pharmac Newsletters

- [Updates for Primary Care Subscribers 13 September 2024](#)
- [Supply Updates for Pharmacists 13 September 2024](#)

Top weekend viewing

If you hadn't realised already, today is Friday 13th! We won't subject to a slew of Friday the 13th horror movies but here are some fun choices that you may want to watch tonight or over the weekend.

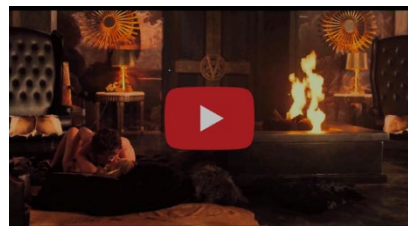
Freaky Friday

Tess and her daughter, Anna, do not get along. However, things take a turn when, in a freak incident, they switch bodies and are forced to live each other's lives. (Disney+ & Prime Video).



Fright Night

Following several deaths in his neighbourhood, Charley starts suspecting that his neighbour Jerry is a vampire. The only person willing to help him is



Peter, a man who claims to be a vampire killer.(Disney+ & Prime Video).

13 Going On 30

Jenna Rink makes an unusual wish on her birthday. Miraculously, her wish comes true and the 13-year-old Jenna wakes up the next day as a 30-year-old woman.(Netflix).

