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Kia ora koutou

Please see the Primary Care Clinical Digest for the week ending December 1 2023.

We've made it to the last month of the year!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone and try to keep out of malls and shops! 😊

	PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL DIGEST DECEMBER 1 2023
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Te Whatu Ora Response to Release of Misinformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Whatu Ora are aware that one of their staff, with no clinical background or expert vaccine knowledge, is trying to spread misinformation that names several specific primary and community health services (including GPs and pharmacies) in a publicly available video. • What the staff member is claiming is completely wrong and ill-informed and their comments demonstrate this. Sadly, Te Whatu Ora have continued to see conspiracy theorists disseminating false and harmful misinformation and have released a media statement to address this today.
Supply of Methylphenidate – Concerta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmac has been informed that supply of this medicine is now under pressure due to increased demand for Concerta globally and will continue to update their website with information about stock of both Concerta and Teva brands of methylphenidate. • Clinical advice indicated that people currently receiving Methylphenidate ER - Teva could be changed directly to the Concerta brand to bridge the supply gap. They can also return back to the Teva brand.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please share this information with your colleagues, if you have questions, please email enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz
Goodfellow Continuing Professional Development View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodfellow have the following learnings available/coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short course on Polymyalgia Rheumatica ○ Podcast on commercial pilot medical certification ○ Webinars on ‘Why friendships are good for you’ and ‘Healthier clinicians’
Ruruku – Latest News and Updates from Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora November 29 2023 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see the attached to link to view the current Ruruku from Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora.
Invitation: Building the Future of Health Virtual Hui December 7 2023 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Whatu Ora would like to invite you to their next stakeholder virtual hui with Chief Executives Margie Apa, Te Whatu Ora, and Riana Manuel, Te Aka Whai Ora, who will update you on the new Governments priorities and what that means for their work.
My Health Records Consumer Channel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortly after the transition to AIR, Te Whatu Ora will release My Health Record, https://my.health.nz, a secure website that gives people access to their immunisation records. • See below some of the key messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, My Health Record shows immunisation records dating back to 2005, and COVID-19 test results. It also has the option for parents link the immunisation records of their children under 12. ○ Over time, it is expected that more health information will be available on My Health Record, such as current and past medications, lab results and community services and high use card entitlements. ○ If you already have an account for My Covid Record, you can access My Health Record using the same details. Some people will need to upgrade their My Health Account login for extra security to access their wider immunisation records. ○ If you require a demonstration/presentation, please contact: sarah.keenan@health.govt.nz
Supply Issue Update Olanzapine Depot Injection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shipment of the 300 mg olanzapine depot injection has arrived and is moving through the supply chain to wholesalers and pharmacies. Pharmaco is expecting further stock of the 300 mg to arrive in mid-December. Stock remains on weekly allocation. • Stock of the 405 mg olanzapine depot injection has also arrived and continues to be allocated weekly. The next shipment is due mid-December. • Stock of the 210 mg olanzapine depot injection remains available. • Final volumes and dates are subject to production, air freight bookings, and arrival of the medicine into New Zealand.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmac is consulting on a proposal to fund aripiprazole depot injection as an alternative treatment option for people on atypical antipsychotic depot injections. See link. To provide feedback, please submit by 4pm December 8 2023 to consult@pharmac.govt.nz.
Pharmac Tender Notification November 2023 View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please follow this link to the Pharmac website for the November 2023 Tender Notification Results. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by 4pm Friday 8 December 2023 to consult@pharmac.govt.nz. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by 4pm Friday 8 December 2023 to consult@pharmac.govt.nz.
Top Weekend Viewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now that we're into December, each Friday there will be Christmas viewing recommendations starting with some of those classic favourites that everyone loves! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love Actually (Netflix) – Eight London couples try to deal with their relationships in different ways. Their trust with love makes them discover how complicated relationships can be. Home Alone (Disney+) – Eight-year-old Kevin is accidentally left behind when his family leaves for France. At first, he's happy to be in charge; but when thieves try to break into his home, he puts up a fight like no other. Elf (Apple TV/Prime Video) – Buddy, a human, is raised amongst elves at the North Pole. When he discovers that he is not an elf, he travels to New York to search for his biological father.

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