

JULY 2022 NEWLETTER

Hard to believe the shortest day is already behind us! It continues to be a busy time for General Practice as we continue to navigate through COVID-19 and the pressures of the Flu season.

Flu Vaccines

We still have Flu vaccines in stock for those aged 3 years and over. We have already run our clinics for the year so please book a normal nurse appointment if you wish to receive your flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is free for those aged 65 and over, Māori or Pacific people aged 55 or over and for some other people if they qualify. From 1 July 2022 free flu vaccinations will be extended to children aged 3-12 years and people with serious mental health or addiction needs

Fees for those who do not qualify for a funded vaccine are:

- \$25 for anyone aged 14 or over
- \$15 for anyone aged 13 or under

If you'd like to book a flu vaccination for your child aged under 3, please phone us and discuss with the nurse as we need to order these in for you. Unfortunately, the unfunded alternative vaccine for over 65's is no longer available.

Staff Changes

Earlier this year we sadly farewellled Dr Joanna Thwaites, and we wish her well in her retirement. Dr Pound and Dr Gao have taken over Joanna's patients. We will be having some locum cover over the busy winter season and we welcome Dr Alistair Humphrey to assist us with this. We are constantly on the lookout for another GP to join our team and will share any updates as they come in.

ConnectMed – Patient Portal

We have had a few patients enquiring around difficulties access their ConnectMed accounts. The easiest way to access your account is via the 'book an appointment' tab on our website. This will take you to the connect med Site -or you can go directly to the **NEW** ConnectMed site <https://patient.connectmed.nz/>
If you would like to set up a ConnectMed or are having trouble with your account please let us know and we will help you get it sorted.