

# *bestpractice* Newsletter

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# **Updates to the Patient Prompt**

#### March 2012

- *bestpractice* will launch a faster version of the **Patient Prompt**.
- Simple read coder will write back selected classifications.
- Displays current smoking status. Can be updated as required. Will still prompt when due.

## April 2012

Childhood immunisations added to the Patient Prompt.

## May 2012

Drug monitoring – the Patient Prompt will advise when lab testing is recommended based on currently prescribed medications. For example, for a patient on Sodium Valproate, the Patient Prompt will prompt to recheck CBC, LFT and Electrolytes in 3 months and then annually. Will not prompt if prescription not ongoing or tests have already been completed.

## What is the Patient Prompt?

The **Patient Prompt** module analyses the patient record at the time of consultation and provides notification of any areas where action may be required for that patient. For more information about how it works and how it can be customised, see the Patient Prompt page on our website: <u>http://www.bestpractice.net.nz</u>.



# Stroke/TIA Module (FASTEST)

The Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC) is funding a trial of the *bestpractice* Stroke/TIA module (FASTEST).

## **FASTEST Trial Information**

The **Efficacy and Safety of TIA Electronic Support Tool** (FASTEST) trial is a multi-centre randomized controlled clinical trial that aims to assess the efficacy and safety of a novel electronic tool to aid GPs in the management of patients suspected to have suffered from a transient ischaemic attack (TIA) or minor stroke. The study has received full ethics approval.

If you would like to participate in this trial or have any further questions please contact:

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GPs are eligible to participate if:

- Their practice is located in Hawke's Bay, Whanganui or Southern DHB
- They use an electronic Practice Management System
- They agree to be randomized into either the Intervention group (who will use the TIA/Stroke EDS) or the Control group (who agree not to use the TIA/Stroke EDS) for the 12 months of the intervention phase.

# **Southern PHO Clinical Programmes Update**

The SPHO Clinical Programmes are designed to allow General Practice to provide these services to enrolled patients or to electronically refer them to other service providers such as Diabetes Nurse Specialist or Maori Health Providers.

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Currently more than 60 type 2 diabetics are enrolled in the Insulin Initiation programme in the Southern Region.

The Management of Cardiovascular risk programme currently has over 200 patients enrolled. The programme now includes Clinical guidance for your individual patient including a Care Plan.

If you would like more information about the Southern PHO Clinical Programmes please contact:

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## **Usage Statistics**

## Top 10 Modules January 2012

- 1. Patient Prompt
- 2. CVD Quick Screen
- 3. INR Monitoring
- 4. CVD Management
  - 5. Diabetes Review
  - 6. ACC 18 Form
  - 7. e-Referral System
  - 8. Smoking Cessation
  - 9. Comprehensive Health Assessment
- 10. Kessler 10

## **Total Modules Run**

During the month of January a total of **70, 522** *bestpractice* modules were run.

## e-Referral Attachments

If you have version 19.12 or higher of MedTech you can now attach Inbox documents (scans, discharge letters, x-rays etc) to your e-referrals.

Coming soon you will also be able to attach Outbox documents (diabetic annual reviews, previous e-referrals etc).

# **Under Development**

For those of you who have been using the Atrial Fibrillation module, you will have noticed it is temporarily unavailable. This module is currently being updated. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **FREE Online Training**

Need a refresher or have new staff you would like trained in the use of *bestpractice*?

Contact us to organise your online training sessions at no charge.

Email <u>anne-marie@bestpractice.org.nz</u> or phone **03 477 5079**.

# Feedback

Please address comments or queries about any aspect of *bestpractice* to **DSFeedback@bestpractice.org.nz**. Your comments are appreciated and help us to improve our service to you.



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