



GP Liaison Newsletter

Keeping you informed August 2004

Greetings

Thanks for taking the time to meet with me over the last few weeks.

Thanks also for your ideas. I will keep you informed on progress on the various queries raised.

Hospital medical staff

A number of you were keen on being kept up to date on changes in medical staff. I have included a list of both Masterton DHB staff and visiting specialists with this newsletter and will update the list as changes are made.

A new gynecologist arrived this month – Mr Lai.

Mr Lai started on 26 July and is engaged as a locum till 17 September, although he is interested in the possibility of staying in New Zealand longer.

Mr Lai did his primary training in Dublin and his specialist training in the UK.

Urology

The DHB has contracted with MidCentral DHB for specialist urology services at Masterton Hospital. Mr Quentin King is providing this service.

However the need for specialist time, in particular outpatient time, is greater than what Mid Central is currently able to provide and the DHB is in the process of engaging a second urologist. This will increase the number of outpatient clinics to eight per month and theatre sessions to two.

MidCentral DHB is also considering employing a fourth urologist and discussions are ongoing between our DHB, MidCentral and Whanganui DHB on how best to co-ordinate the service.

Mr King has expressed interest in meeting with GPs to talk about common urology problems and their management and ways we can assist with the assessment of patients. Once the second urologist is engaged I would like to organise a meeting.

The meeting is likely to be in September or early October. I will email you with information about the date and times once the details have been confirmed.

Mental Health

The DHB planning and funding manager has asked me to get feedback from you on the quality of the Mental

Health Service from a GP perspective. I have put together the brief questionnaire attached. Please complete this and send it to me so I can get a feel for your views, both positive and negative. Thanks in advance for your input.

Electives Project

The goal of this DHB project is:

“To contribute to the good health of Wairarapa patients by providing a quality electives booking and management system.”

The two areas I will be focusing on are:

- Giving patients more explicit information about the time it will take them to be seen and treated at the hospital, *and*
- Improving communication between GPs and the hospital on patients plans of care.

Over the next two months I will be asking for your input on the referral process and communication from the hospital to you and to your patients.

Ophthalmology

The DHB is currently in the process of contracting for additional ophthalmology services.

Currently, Andrew Logan and Nigel Warden between them run three outpatient clinics and 1 theatre session per month.

The DHB is hoping to increase this to 4 outpatient clinics and two theatre sessions per month with some flexibility to add an additional theatre session if the surgical list gets too long.

The DHB has based demand on the historical waiting list figures. However, the number of out of district referrals will affect the accuracy of this figure.

To assist in future planning, your feedback on the number of private and out of district referrals would be greatly appreciated.

Could you please forward me the number of elective ophthalmology referrals you made in the last six months that were a) private or b) referred out of district.

Once the new arrangements have been confirmed I will inform you of the new specialist and the clinic and theatre sessions that he will be holding.

Lynette

Clinical Society meetings – upcoming topics

Date	Topic	Speaker
31 August	Medical case presentations	RMOs
7 September	Toxicology Management	Mr Gabriel Lau, Emergency Medicine Specialist, Wellington Hospital
14 September	The new shape of the Mental Health Service	Dr Christine Smith, team leader, DHB Mental Health Services.

VISITING AND WAIRARAPA SPECIALISTS

AS AT 20 AUGUST 2004

Specialty	Visiting Specialist(s)	Visiting Frequency	Wairarapa Specialist(s)
General Surgery			Mr Shirley Mr Sahakian
Urology	Mr King Mr Russell	2 days every fortnight 2 days a fortnight	
Orthopaedics	Mr Jamison Mr Love Mr Lander Mr Williams Mr Davey	1 day a week } } 1 day once every 3 weeks } }	Mr Denholm Mr Schwanecke
Psychiatry			Dr Seifert-Jones Dr Shuaib Dr Kamenica
Child Psychiatry	Dr Stokes-Taylor Dr Perry		
Paediatrics			Dr Mao Dr Bornstein Dr Smith Dr Prior
Obstetrics and Gynaecology			Mr Harrild Mr Popov Mr Lai
Oncology	Mr Chander Dr Isaacs	1 day per month 1 day per month	
Radiology	Dr Nel	1 day per month	
Haematology	Dr Phillips Registrar	1 day per month 1 day per month	
ENT	Mr Morrissey Ms Fergusson Mr Hall	1 day per month 1 day per month 1 day per month	
Endocrinology	Dr Krebs Dr Delahunt	1 day per month 1 day 2 monthly, Greytown	
Neurosurgery	Mr Wikremsekera	1 day 2 monthly	
Physicians			Dr de Silva Dr Scott Dr Matthews Dr Beehre
Radiologist			Dr Fitzjohn
Anaesthetics			Dr Dimock Dr Smith Dr Bruwer
Ophthalmology	Mr Logan Mr Warden Mr Foo	1 day per month 2 days per month 2 days per month	
Plastics	Mr Calcinai	1 day per month	
Rheumatology	Mr Taylor Mr Harrison	1 day per month Greytown 1 day every second month, Greytown	