

Media release

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Radiography staff enter a third round of strikes

Radiography staff are preparing to strike again next week for a third time.

Striking will include both full and partial withdrawal of labour and is scheduled to take place from Tuesday 29th October to Monday 4th November. It will not affect ultrasound services.

Wairarapa District Health Board has detailed plans in place to ensure it can continue to provide the best possible care for the Wairarapa community during the strikes.

A small number of imaging staff will provide a limited service for patients to meet urgent need. X-rays for acute emergency and ward inpatients, and acute GP referrals will be available.

“We have skeleton-staff rosters in place to manage any urgent need during the strikes,” Chief Medical Officer, Shawn Sturland said.

“Together with the union we are organising on call cover for urgent CT scanning, as per life preserving services requirements.”

“Patient appointments have had to be rescheduled,” Shawn said. “While it is unavoidable, we know this is extremely inconvenient for people waiting, and we do apologise for that.”

“Some elective surgeries have also been rescheduled.”

“We are doing all we can to minimise the impact of the strikes on our patients,” he said.

“Strike activity puts people and systems under pressure and we are grateful for the hard work being put in by the planning team, and for the continued support of our staff.”

Mon 28 th Oct	Labour Day	
Tues 29 th Oct	0701 hrs to Wed 30 th Oct 0659 hrs	Partial and continuous strike activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Striking APEX members will not perform imaging of orthopaedic outpatients.
Wed 30 th Oct	0700 hrs to Thurs 31 st Oct 0700 hrs	Complete withdrawal of labour by striking APEX members.
Thurs 31 st Oct	0701 hrs to Fri 1 st Nov 0659 hrs	Partial and continuous strike activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Striking APEX members will not perform imaging of orthopaedic outpatients.

Fri 1 st Nov	0700 hrs to Sat 2 nd Nov 0700 hrs	Complete withdrawal of labour by striking APEX members.
Mon 4 th Nov	0700 hrs to Tues 5 th Nov 0700 hrs	Partial and continuous strike activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking APEX members will not perform imaging of orthopaedic outpatients.

**Note this strike action does not affect sonography services, which will continue as usual.*

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