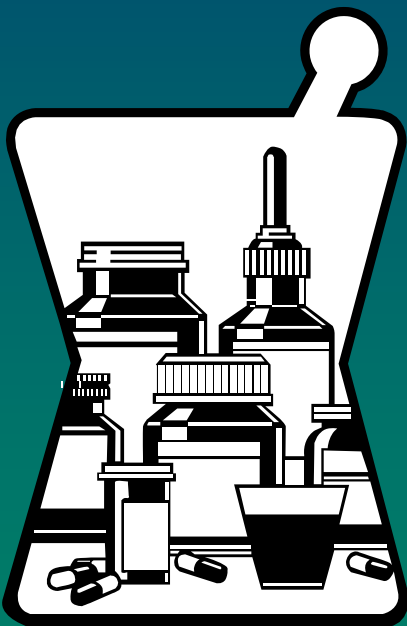


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## WELCOME

It has been a busy two months for the Safe Medication Management Programme and excellent progress has been made in a number of areas of our work. This progress is outlined in this newsletter.

Stage two of our website has been completed and will soon be populated with a great deal of resource material and information which you may like to comment on. If you have not done so please take the time to visit the web site and register for the member's area.

The programme has also begun presenting to hospital grand rounds and medicines and clinical committees. If you would like the programme to present on any aspect of its work to a group you represent, please contact our communications

manager Steve Addison on [saddison@safemedication.org.nz](mailto:saddison@safemedication.org.nz)

## MEDICATION CHARTING STANDARDS APPROVED

The medication charting standards were approved at the May Steering Group meeting.

The Safe and Quality Use of Medicines (SQM) group is working on a National Medicines Chart (NMC) to be piloted in two DHBs in an adult inpatient medical/surgical ward setting. Expression of interest letters for piloting the chart have been sent to all DHBs.

This chart is the first of a series of national medicines charts.

Paula Campbell presents to ADHB



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## NZ UNIVERSAL LIST OF MEDICINES

The NZULM project is now underway. Funding has been provided and a final draft NZULM Establishment Plan has been confirmed by the Ministry of Health, Medsafe, PHARMAC and the SMM Steering Group.

## PRIMARY CARE WORK STREAM

A GP has been seconded to the Primary Care transition work stream to provide a GP perspective and insight into the medication management components relating to transfer of care between general practice, secondary services and residential care.

A pharmacist, with a background in community pharmacy, has also been seconded. He is now involved in the design and coordination of general practice clinical education programmes. He is familiar with the medication management components involved in transfer of care and is keen to participate in the Primary Care transition Working Group.

## MEDICINE RECONCILIATION (MR)

An experienced resource team has been established to plan the implementation of MR in DHBs. Expression of interest letters for implementing MR were sent to DHBs with an excellent response.

South Canterbury DHB and Whanganui DHB are the first

DHBs to work with SMM to implement this process.

SMM will provide resources, advice and support to ensure participating DHBs can implement the MR standards whilst working within local constraints like work force composition.

## APPROVALS FROM THE JULY STEERING GROUP MEETING

The Clinical Leadership interim panel presented the National Medicines Chart (developed by the Safe and Quality use of Medicines group in liaison with the SMM team) to the Steering Group for approval. The panel agreed the chart meets the SMM Medication charting standards. The Steering Group confirmed that now due process has been completed the chart is ready for piloting.

Hawke's Bay DHB, West Coast DHB, and MidCentral DHB will be the next three DHBs to implement Medicine Reconciliation in their respective hospitals. This will be by December 2009.

The Steering Group also agreed the process for approving potential pilot sites. This includes the allocation of funding dependant on the case each DHB presents.

A subset of the Steering Group has been formed as a review panel to facilitate a swift approval process for pilot sites including funding. Chai Chuah, as the chair of the Steering Group, will chair this panel.