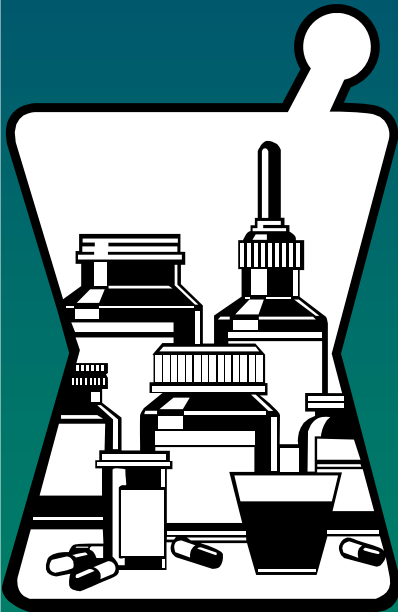


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## NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED

The SMM Programme launched its new look web site [www.safemedication.org.nz](http://www.safemedication.org.nz) (image below) last month.

The new web site has been well received and has attracted 516 visits and 3633 page views in its first 8 weeks.

Stage two of the web site is now underway which will see the development of working areas and extensive resource areas added to the site.

We encourage you to visit this web site and for your organisation to create a link to it on your organisational intranet or website.

## MEDICATION CHARTING STANDARDS

The SMM Programme has completed draft medication charting standards for New Zealand public hospitals. The standards will be assessed in two DHBs, MidCentral on 15 April 2009 and Wairarapa on 30 March 2009. This assessment will be in the form of a workshop where clinicians can provide valuable feedback on the workability and practicality of the standards. The standards will then go through a process to be approved by the SMM Programme Steering Group.

## NATIONAL MEDICINES CHART (NMC)

The SMM Programme is working with the Safe and Quality Use of Medicines group (SQM) to develop the National Medicines Chart (NMC)



### Members of the public

If you are a member of the public and would like to know more about the programme

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### SAFE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Safe Medication Management Programme aims to greatly reduce the number of New Zealanders harmed each year by medication errors in our hospitals, general practices, aged care facilities and across the entire health and disability sector. [more...](#)



### Clinicians

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that will comply with the medication charting standards. The chart will be piloted in two DHBs in adult inpatient medical and surgical wards following approval of the standards in June 2009. The standards will be updated as we introduce the NMC. The standards will provide the basis for a functional specification when the medication chart is delivered.

Please note: The National Medicines Chart (NMC) was previously referred to as the National Adult Inpatient Medical Surgical (NAIMS) chart.

## MEDICINE RECONCILIATION

The SMM Programme is working with five DHBs already undertaking medicine reconciliation, to develop best practice standards and tool kits for medicine reconciliation. The programme intends to have medicine reconciliation initiated in five more DHBs by December 2009. The first pilot is to commence in June 2009.

## BARRIERS AND PATHWAYS TO UNIT DOSE PACKAGING

The SMM Programme has completed a draft report into barriers and pathways for unit dose packaging in NZ hospitals. This report was presented to the SMM Steering Group at the March 2009 meeting. The report looks at the best way forward for introducing unit dose packaging into New Zealand and looks at the value of unit dose re-packaging. The report outlines recommendations for introducing unit dose packaging in New Zealand. The way forward will be decided at the SMM Steering Group meeting in April.

## UPTAKE OF THE SMM PROGRAMME

The SMM Programme has developed a framework / approach for the uptake of the programme initiatives throughout New Zealand public hospitals. This approach will ensure buy in at both management and clinical levels and will be based around both changes to systems and organisational culture.

## UPDATE ON NZ UNIVERSAL LIST OF MEDICINES

The SMM Programme has had funding confirmed, from the Ministry of Health, for the development of a New Zealand Universal List of Medicines (NZULM).

The SMM Steering Group agreed that the NZULM project be based at Hutt Valley DHB and governed by a Steering Group made up of representatives from the SMM Steering Group and from each of the project's key partners Medsafe, Pharmac, the Pharmacy Guild, and the Ministry of Health. This project provides a fundamental foundation to the SMM Programme. It links key medicines information resources used in the sector today to a common list of medicines information and standardises the terms used to refer to medicines (Medicine Terminology).

The Medicine Terminology provides core information at the pack and individual dose level including the generic (medicine) and related brand (product) names given to individual medicines as well as therapeutic group, dose, form and strength and active ingredient details.

The Medicines Terminology is part of the SNOMED CT clinical terminology, the emerging international terminology standard of which NZ is a foundation member.