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WORKING GROUPS

SMM Programme Working Groups met three times in November / December to work on clinical processes around safe medication management.

These multi-disciplinary Working Groups are made up of representatives of the 21 District Health Boards (DHBs) and are looking at ways to improve medication management processes within the DHBs and the flow of medication information between primary care and DHBs.

For the programme to be successful it is essential that it is clinician lead and these Working Groups play a key role in that process.

UNIT DOSE PACKAGING

A report on the pathway to unit dose packaging will be presented to the March 2009 SMM Programme Steering Group meeting.

The report will look at case studies of overseas unit dose packaging models and how they could be applied in New Zealand.

It will focus strongly on the benefits and issues of unit dose packaging overseas and whether these are likely to be relevant in New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSAL LIST OF MEDICINES

Key sector stakeholders confirmed their support in principle for a NZ Universal List of Medicines. These organisations will be brought together to work through a proposal

to develop a Universal List of Medicines, before it goes to the Steering Group in February 2009.

EVALUATION OF THE SMM PROGRAMME

Good progress has been made on evaluation criteria for the programme.

Trigger tools for measuring numbers of adverse drug events have been developed by the US based Institute for Health Care Improvement (IHI) and these will be used to assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the programme.

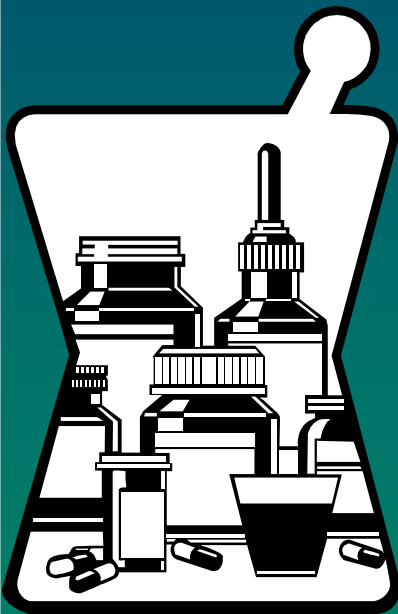
PRIMARY CARE WORKSTREAM

An Independent Practitioner's Association Council (IPAC) representative is working with the SMM Programme team to assist with laying the foundations for linking across the primary and secondary care interface. With this focus on Primary Care, engagement is being arranged with Private Hospital and Rest Home organisations, GPs and Community Pharmacies.

COMMUNICATIONS

The SMM Programme has completed an information tool kit to introduce the programme to the health and disability sector and consumers. Copies of the tool kit are being placed on our revamped web site which will be live in the new year.

In the meantime if you would like copies of the toolkit please contact Frances Duncan at frances.duncan@huttvalleydhb.org.nz



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