

Contact us

You are welcome to discuss your patients with a district nurse, and or the Charge Nurse Managers on:

Kapiti: 04 903 0224

Kenepuru: 04 918 2011

Wellington: 04 385 5821

Community Health Nursing Service

Information for
Patients

Community Health Service

Who we are:

The Community Health Service (CHS) nursing team comprises of District Nurses, Specialist Nurses and Health Care Assistants.

The team provides specialist nursing consultation and support services, including: complex wound care, IV therapy and medication, oncology care, enteral therapy, stomal therapy, respiratory services, continence services, and palliative care, to facilitate hospital admission prevention and timely discharge of patients.

Health Care Assistants, who are part of this nurse-led team, also provide short term personal care and home help.

CHS works closely with Older Adults, Rehabilitation and Allied Health(ORA)services, primary health care and hospital health services.

General/Specialist services provided include:

- Hospital Admission Prevention – specialist nursing care with the aim of preventing a hospital admission or facilitating timely discharge
- Home IV therapy and other medication administration
- Complex wound assessment (Doppler),

treatment and compression bandaging

- ACC wound care
- Negative wound pressure therapy dressings
- Continence assessment and treatments, including bladder scanning
- Child enuresis service
- Tracheostomy care
- Enteral feeding and PEG care
- Stoma care
- Breast care
- Respiratory assessment, supply of oxygen and support with care planning for chronic respiratory disease management
- Pulmonary rehabilitation programme
- Care of patients with long-term chronic conditions.
- Palliative care
- Oncology care

Referral criteria:

Any patient who requires specialist nursing services can be referred to the District Nursing Service. Home visiting is provided to house-bound patients. We also offer nursing clinics at each base for those patients who are not house-bound. As patients recover and regain

the ability to attend clinic appointments, they will be requested to do so.

Anyone interested is welcome to call the Charge Nurse Manager to discuss referring a patient to the service.

Referrals are made via the care coordination centre.

Care Coordination Centre:

Ph: 0800 28 22 00

Fax 04 238 2022

Service hours and weekend visiting:

The CHS provides a seven days a week service.

The full service operates 8am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday, with reduced staffing during the evening and weekends. An on-call service operates between 10pm and 8am.