

Timaru Medical Centre Update

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Changes are on their way

Well, it has almost been a year since we moved in to the new practice. Change is always hard, but so worthwhile if it is for the right reasons. Anyone who says that change is as good as a holiday must have had some pretty terrible trips away!!!

With the departure of Dr Duran in June and Dr Ayub at the end of July, Timaru Medical Centre will be merging with Better Health Timaru (Elizabeth Street). The team from Better Health will be joining us onsite from the 6th August 2018.

We will invite their 3 GPs, Dr Anneke Pribis, Dr Liangwei Ng & Dr Jayne Ward, their two Nurses Maria & Lyn, their two receptionists Victoria & Kathy to our team.

They are a fantastic practice and we really look forward to you meeting them and making them feel welcome.

They bring unique skills and experience that will add to the services that we can offer our patients.

We are also in the process of employing some additional GP staffing. We will update you as we progress.. Our focus is on establishing a sustainable GP practice, bringing through younger Doctors and Nurses and introducing them to General Practice. We have started this by employing a New Grad Nurse - Melissa and we are part of the Timaru Hospital rotation for the registrars. We currently have a new registrar every three months. By their accounts, they are enjoying their time within Timaru

Medical Centre and are interested in General Practice in the future. We think this is great, because even if they do not end up working with us in the future, it means that General Practice within NZ may benefit.

We know that any change can be difficult, but we will try our best to make this transition as smooth as possible. As usual, if you have any comments or feedback, please let us know. We want to make things as easy as possible for you.



Farewell Dr Mar Duran

We are sad to advise you that Dr Maria Duran will be leaving Timaru Medical Centre on the 15th June. Mar has been with us for nearly two years, but regrettably has to return home to the UK due to family commitments. We know that she has a loyal following and many will be disappointed at her departure.

As mentioned above, we do have more GPs coming to the practice, so her patients will be covered by the rest of the team in the meantime.

We wish Dr Duran and her family all the best for the future and hope they will come & visit again soon.

BRIEF

- Dr Jonathon Bong is with us doing his GP rotation for the next three months.
- John Fanning is back from 5 weeks away.
- Paul Annear—Injury Management is offering his Physiotherapy services from Timaru Medical Centre, he is here Tuesday, Wednesdays & Fridays.
- Leigh Lawless from Discover Therapy is based in Timaru Medical Centre. We welcome Leigh and her clients to our facility.

Flu Vaccine & Shingles Vaccine

It's not to late to get your flu vaccine! Make an appointment with a nurse to receive this. If you are over 65 years of age, or have a chronic condition such as asthma or heart disease you may be eligible for a government funded vaccination. If you are not eligible for a free vaccination, it will cost you

\$30.

Shingles Vaccine (Zostavax) is now free if you are aged between 65 & 80 years of age. Not everyone can get the vaccine, so make an appointment with a nurse so that they can check that you are able to have the vaccine.

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