



Practice Newsletter #2

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Changes to our clinic schedules: Dr McKenzie-Pollock (Shaun) and Dr Low (Dave) both have significant birthdays this year. Their popularity with patients and the ever-increasing amount of paperwork and keeping up to date they do, means they still manage a huge workload. They both need to slow down a little, so will be offering one or two sessions a week less from the beginning of March. See the table below for the mornings and afternoons they will have appointments available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Dr McKenzie-Pollock	AM Dr McKenzie-Pollock	AM Dr McKenzie-Pollock	AM Dr Low	AM
PM Dr McKenzie-Pollock Dr Low	PM Dr Low	PM	PM Dr McKenzie-Pollock Dr Low	PM

It may make it slightly harder to get a same day or next day appointment, but we don't think you will notice a lot of change. Remember we usually have at least four excellent doctors to choose from at any one time.

Another plus is Dr Davidson (Rachel) has increased the number of mornings she works now her daughter goes to school. Dr Harbinson (Simon) is now part of the team and working most days. We also plan to

offer evening clinics in the near future. - on a Tuesday (Simon) and on a Thursday (Shaun)

It doesn't look like we will be able to offer the choice of a female doctor at these clinics this year, but we hope to be able to do so next year.

FluVaccination: The latest batch of influenza vaccine will arrive in NZ later than usual this year. This will delay the start of our vaccination program. We will let as many patients as we can know by text as soon as the vaccine arrives. If you are: over 65, pregnant, or have certain chronic conditions at any age, your vaccination is free. If you are unsure if you or your child is eligible, just ask one of our nurses who keep up to date with current criteria. The price for this years unfunded flu vaccine remains the same at \$32.

Some useful new Aids: Happily the newly- replaced hinge mechanism has made a huge difference to the right hand entrance door. Please let us know if you still have a problem with it, or if you would like the left hand mechanism replaced as well.

In response to some other suggestions we now have an upright height-adjustable chair in the waiting room. This can be taken anywhere a patient needs it. If it is not set at the right height for you, ask a nurse or receptionist to help you. We also now have a toilet frame available in the toilet nearest the waiting area and a bell for assistance should you need it.