

Memo

To:		From:	Sue French, Programme Manager NZ Female Pelvic Mesh Service On behalf of the Regional SUI MDM Working Group
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Subject:	Update on Regional Stress Urinary Incontinence MDM		

Update on Regional Stress Urinary Incontinence MDM

Kia ora colleagues

We are pleased to announce the introduction of the Regional Female Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDM) Programme. This initiative is a direct outcome of the requirement for all SUI cases to be discussed at an MDM, as part of the conditions set to lift the pause on the use of surgical mesh for SUI procedures.

In August 2023, the Director-General of Health, Dr. Diana Sarfati, implemented a time-limited pause on the use of surgical mesh to treat stress urinary incontinence. This pause was intended to allow for the implementation of measures to minimise harm associated with the procedure. The recommendation was that the pause would remain in place until specific conditions were met to ensure the safety and well-being of women undergoing these procedures.

The four specific conditions are:

1. Mandatory credentialling of clinicians to the National Credentialling Framework for pelvic floor reconstructive, urogynaecological, and mesh revision and removal procedures (2022).
2. Setting up a mesh registry for female pelvic floor procedures, including mesh.
3. A structured informed consent process using a patient decision aid.
4. Patient case discussion at a multidisciplinary meeting.

To meet condition 4, the Health New Zealand National Chief Clinical Officer, Richard Sullivan, requested the formation of a working group. This group has been tasked with formulating the necessary steps and supporting documents to establish fully constituted and robust regional MDM process for the country.

The Regional SUI MDM Programme will establish six regional MDM groups across Northern, Te Manawa Taki, Central, and Te Waipounamu regions. These groups will provide a structured platform for public and private healthcare practitioners to collaboratively discuss and manage SUI cases, ensuring comprehensive,

interdisciplinary case discussions that promote safe, effective, and standardised care.

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A suite of documents has been developed to support your understanding and the impact on your practice area. Existing practitioners and MDMs need to review these documents and work through how to deliver them effectively.

We appreciate your support and collaboration as we implement this important programme to enhance the quality of care for women experiencing SUI.

We have set up a new web page to house all information related to this initiative, and believe this will be useful for practitioners and managers who can see what is involved in the process, and with all templates available on line, they can start to prepare for the transition to this new way of working.

With all the information publicly available, consumers can also see one of the processes their provider will take to ensure safe decision making.

The new web page is now live: [insert link](#)

Please share this information with anyone in your organisation who you think will be interested.

Ngā mihi

Sue