**LMC Update July 2023**

* The next LMC forum will be coming up in August. It has been asked if there can be longer than a week’s notice of this happening so you are able to organise better to attend.
* If you have a baby who requires blood before they have been given an NHI number then you need to **hand write** on the blood form and put the **surname** and then **‘baby of’** on the request form.

If the baby has an NHI then please be conscious of putting the correct label on as this could delay processing in the lab if labelled incorrectly.

You will have noticed by now that the baby labels have a coloured stripe through them when they are printed off, this is to help stop any confusion in mixing up mum and baby labels.

* As an LMC you are able to put in a safety first if you feel one is appropriate. If you log in with your CDHB access to the computers and then ‘My Work Tools’ and click on ‘Incident Management (Safety First)’ and then select the correct tab
* MDRO screening is important if your client has in the last 12 months travelled within the Indian sub-continent or SE Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Indonesia).

If your client had been admitted to hospital in the past 12 months they would require screening for MRSA (nose, groin and perineal swabs) AND also a MDRO screen which is a rectal swab/faecal specimen. Whereas if someone had just travelled form one of these countries in the past 12 months they would just require MDRO screening.

* The GAP dates till the end of the year are out, you will find flyers around the hospital to register for these.

- 18th August 9.00-12:30

- 21st September 9.00-12:30

- 27th October 9.00-12:30

- 24th November 9.00-12:30

- 14th December 9.00-12:30

* There have been updated Guidelines
  + Transcutaneous Bilirubin Measurements
  + External Cephalic Version
  + Substance Abuse in Pregnancy

These can be found on the Maternity Guidelines webpage

* Antenatal breastfeeding classes are now going to be held at the Midwifery Recourse Centre. These will be run by Jo King. This is not a drop-in clinic and appointments will need to be made. Please phone the MRC to make a booking for your women or have the woman phone and book directly.
* Oromairaki and Rangiora will be double staffed from next week.
* A big thank you to all the midwives who have picked up women from the festive list. To date there have been 196 women in need of care. LMC’s have been able to pick up 100 of these women and offer them full care. 72 women have been offered antenatal care only and arrangements have been made with clinic to complete their care. This takes a lot of pressure off Antenatal clinic and Birthing Suite.
* The NZCOM AGM will be held next month. College meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. You are welcome to attend in person or via the Zoom link that is sent out by the Secretary of the region prior to the meeting.

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