

21 June 2022

Kia ora,

Your participation in the Health System Catalogue is requested

We're just a few days away from the health reforms coming into effect from 1 July 2022. This is a significant milestone for our health system, with our 20 District Health Boards (DHBs), DHB Shared Service Agencies and Te Hiringa Hauora merging together into one organisation – Health NZ/Hauora Aotearoa.

Transforming our health system will create a more equitable, accessible, cohesive, and people-centred eco-system that will improve the health and wellbeing of all New Zealanders.

Data is a key enabler of our health system operations, which ultimately supports our people to deliver better patient, whānau and community experiences.

Health System Catalogue (HSC) - our new sector-wide catalogue of medical device data

The HSC is a centralised place for consolidation of data from a combination of sources; medical device suppliers, Pharmac, NZ Health Partnerships and DHBs. NZ Health Partnerships has been leading the development of the HSC.

To help achieve operational efficiencies across the health sector and support better health outcomes, it is vital the HSC holds comprehensive item information from all medical device suppliers.

Clinical Procurement and Purchasing teams across New Zealand have started accessing the HSC when searching for information on medical devices - whether this be searching for new or similar items, or further information on existing items.

It is my intention that the HSC will become the primary place to search for medical device items and related information. Thank you to those suppliers who have led the way and have had their item information published in the HSC. However, there are still many suppliers who are yet to provide their item and pricing information.

Your organisation's support is requested

I strongly encourage you to participate and ensure that information related to your medical device items are included in the HSC.

It is my expectation that all suppliers publish item and pricing data to the HSC. In future, supplier contracts will be amended to require this for both existing and new suppliers. More detail on the timing of this will be provided in the coming months.

If you have any questions or want information on how to supply your item and pricing information, please contact Ian Malone, HSC Supplier Engagement Lead at ian.malone@nzhp.health.nz.

This is an exciting and transformational time for New Zealand's health system and collectively we can all play a part in making a difference to support our patients, whānau and communities.

Ngā mihi

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Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive
Interim Health New Zealand

