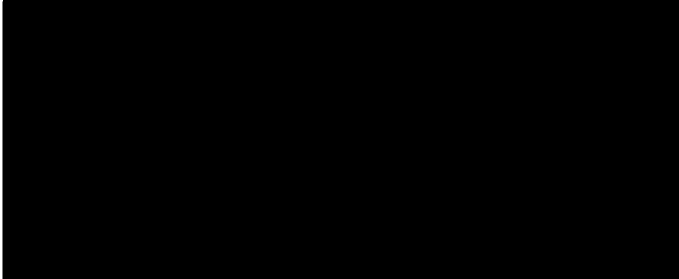


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Re Official Information Request – Chemotherapy and HSCT during COVID

I refer to your official information request dated 4 June 2020 requesting the following additional information:

I reach out at this time as I work with my Australian colleagues to manage supply of our Infectious Diseases MSD products to the NZ market. I am wondering if you are able to provide me insight as to whether Auckland Hospital (and other NZ BMT hospitals) stopped HSCT's and chemotherapy during Alert Level 3 and 4 and whether these procedures have resumed during Alert Level 2?

The Regional Cancer and Blood Service continued to provide chemotherapy services and were unaffected throughout the covid-19 experience. Regarding Stem Cell Transplants, allogeneic Stem Cell Transplants continued, however as transplant patients can develop severe complications, and we were uncertain of the demands of hospital capacity, the majority of stable disease autologous stem cell transplants were deferred safely without compromising their outcomes.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully

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