

VASECTOMY PATHWAY

Aim:

To provide long term contraceptive health for those unable to afford Vasectomy for those of the lower socio-economic group particularly Maori, Pacific and those residing in Quintile 4 or 5 areas.

Access:

Patients accessing this pathway must have a current Community Services Card (CSC) OR are Maori, Pacific OR reside in Quintile 4 or 5 (high needs).

- Available to the PHO enrolled population only.

As for all CPO pathways, the patient is responsible for the initial GP consultation.

Service Providers:

Dr Paddy O'Brien- Tuki Tuki Medical, Waipukarau, Ph: 8587767

Dr Alan Wright - Hastings Health Centre, Hastings, Ph: 8738580

Vasectomy services under this pathway can only be provided by one of the above listed GP's. Patients will need to discuss this with their GP/NP to be referred.

Referral to Service Providers:

1. GP/NP completes the CPO referral form
2. GP/NP completes and sends a referral letter to one of the Service Providers above. Please include the unique number (eg HB01234) from the CPO form (step 1)
3. The referral must contain all relevant information, as expected in a referral to secondary care.
4. **Approval for the procedure will be automatically accepted subject to all criteria being met**
5. The patient contacts the practice of the Service Provider to obtain an appointment for the procedure- practice phone numbers above
6. The service provider will provide appropriate documentation back to the referring GP/NP to confirm completion of the service
7. Referrals will be open for 1 year (from date of referral) and then closed if not completed