

Gastro Nurses AGM

New Zealand Hepatology Nurses Group

By Chair- Nancy Carey

Firstly the New Zealand Hepatology Nurses Group would like to acknowledge the hard work of all of our nurses under the difficult circumstances that the COVID pandemic has placed us under, and thanks everyone for their continued hard work.

Progress towards building an accessible Nurses Liver (Hepatology) Group has been slow again. This is frustrating but workloads and lockdowns have had an impact.

At the end of April we did manage to get a face to face meeting with the group in Hamilton and we looked at: Standing orders for Maviret, Liver Nurse Competencies, a Logo for the Group, Nurse prescribing and building the website.

We finalised a Logo for the Group and would like to share this with you all. (<insert here>

We had a consensus around who our competency guidelines were aimed at and the group decided this should be all nurses who have contact with liver patients from the nurse in general practice to the nurse specialist. We have started to work on these guidelines and hope to have them on the website during the first half of next year.

We did some investigation around Standing Orders for Maviret. This is a possibility but this needs more thought and planning, plus a change in process as it is a product of such high monetary value and needs to be used appropriately. Similarly we are still waiting to hear on a revision of nurse prescribing of Maviret from continuation to initial prescribing.

We would like to move into the New Year with some renewed vigour and also get a useable website up and running in 2022.

Personally I am happy to continue as chair for another year but will be stepping down in November 2022.

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