

Zoledronate Administration for Outpatients in the Community

As of the 1 September 2010, IV Zoledronate infusions (also known as zoledronic acid and Aclasta) used in the prevention of osteoporosis are now funded as a community delivered medicine by Pharmac on the Pharmaceutical Schedule. As a result Counties Manukau DHB stopped providing this service to outpatients at the end of 2010 and all patients and GPs on our waiting lists at the time were informed.

For current information on primary care providers offering a Zoledronate infusion service through their General Practices to non-enrolled patients, please refer to the Aclasta (Novartis New Zealand Ltd) website <www.aclasta.co.nz/hcp> and 'Find an Infusion Centre'.

Please note CMDHB will continue to provide Bone Densitometry, Falls and Osteoporosis Outpatient Clinic Services per usual.