

Reducing harm from high-risk medicines



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Webinar 4: How to use the Atlas of Healthcare Variation opioid domain Tuesday 24 March, 8-9 am

Dr Alan Davis and Catherine Gerard will be looking at how the Atlas of Healthcare Variation can be used to identify areas of wide variation and potential areas for quality improvement in community and secondary care use of opioids.

This webinar will be of interest to:

- *health care professionals who prescribe, dispense and administer medicines in primary and secondary care settings*
- *members of district health board (DHB) general funding and planning teams*
- *anyone wanting to improve the safe use of opioids.*

If you have any questions you would like answered about using the opioid domain, email them to karen.piper@hqsc.govt.nz by 12pm, Monday 23 March 2015.

How to take part

Webinars are easy! All you need is access to a computer connected to the internet, a telephone (or the ability to hear and speak through your computer, which most computers now include as standard).

To register send an email to karen.piper@hqsc.govt.nz asking to take part and you will be sent a calendar invite.

On the day, click on the link in the invite and you're in! You'll be able to hear and see the presentation and take part in the discussion.

About the speakers:

Alan Davis – Clinical Director, Health of Older People and Clinical Support, Northland DHB

Alan is a physician based in Northland. He is chair of Northland DHB Drugs and Therapeutics Committee and clinical lead for the Northland DHB Medication Safety Project. The project has seen the implementation of a standardised medication chart and medication rooms, medicines reconciliation, high-risk medicines review, IV devices management and process audit. He is the Vice Chair of the Commission's Medication Safety Expert Advisory Group and chaired the group that developed the Atlas of Healthcare Variation opioid domain.

Catherine Gerard – Senior Analyst, Health Quality & Safety Commission

Catherine works on the Atlas of Healthcare Variation and develops quality and safety measures. Catherine's background includes clinical research, and design and implementation of a clinical research programme.