

## Practice Overview

# Waiuku Health Centre

Waiuku Health Centre is a rural general practice situated in an Integrated Medical Facility with many of the primary health services represented including Pharmacy, Lab Tests Laboratory, Physiotherapy, Chiropractor, Dentist, Art Therapy Counselling, and other Health Services including Visiting specialists and audiology clinics

It is a friendly practice with a good relationship between doctors and staff. Being the only practice in Waiuku our patients are representative of the entire community and our enrolled list currently stands at 13600 and is growing rapidly. The next medical practice is 20 kms away. Waiuku is an affluent, active, and growing town 60 km from the centre of Auckland, and 45 km from Auckland Airport. Our nearest base hospital Middlemore is 50 km away.

We provide services to two rest homes (70 beds) and staff the local Franklin Memorial Hospital, an 16`-bed geriatric public hospital run by Counties Manukau District Health Board. This hospital gives us admitting advantages for simple socio-medical conditions, and the ability to provide Hospice care for our own patients.

We currently have fourteen GP's working full and part time (8.8 FTE) We are supported by thirteen practice nurses (usually 5 - 7 consulting daily) 14 receptionists/administrator's working full and part time, Assistant Practice Manager and Practice Manager. We work closely with our local hospital nurses, district nurses, Plunket nurses, and other branches of our strong and close-knit community. We have a visiting podiatrist, Ear Suction Service and psychologist.

A private orthopaedic surgeon and a Cardiologist see patients at our rooms, and we have developed a weekly fracture clinic. We welcome specialists from CMDHB who are running regular clinics in the building e.g., Awhinatia (Adult Mental Health Service), Health of the Older Person and Whirinaki (Adolescent Mental Health).

We are a full teaching practice and have Trainee Interns, Registrars, and Student Nurses joining our team throughout the year.