



Caring for Our Community



*We wish you a very
Merry Christmas...*

Surgery hours Monday - Friday 8.00 - 5.00pm
Phone 211 0999.

After hours Invercargill Doctors Service
105 Don Street, Invercargill. Phone 218 8821.
Medical Healthline 24hrs 0800-611 116

December/January



Christmas & New Year's Hours:

Waihopai Health Services will be open normal hours during Christmas & New Year, however we will be closed on Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th December, being Christmas & Boxing Days; reopening on Thursday 27th December 2018.

We are also closed for business Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd January, reopening Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Please ensure you have enough medication to get you through the holidays.

Current Community Card Holders

Waihopai Health Services has reached agreement with the Southern Primary Healthcare Organisation (SPHO) -WellSouth- to provide standard consultations at a fixed fee to those patients and their dependents who have a current Community Services Card who are enrolled with us.

This will apply from 1 December 2018

This agreement with the SPHO, WellSouth, means that when you or your dependent presents for a standard consultation there will be a fixed charge to the parent/caregiver for that standard consultation.

Community Services Card Application:

Please apply at Work and Income (WINZ)

Parents and Caregivers of Under 14 Year Olds

Waihopai Health Services has reached agreement with the Southern Primary Healthcare Organisation (SPHO) -WellSouth- to provide standard consultations at no charge to those children enrolled with us who are under 14 years old.

This will apply from the 1st December 2018.

This agreement with the SPHO, WellSouth, means that when your child, if under the age of 14 years old, presents for a standard consultation there will be no charge to the parent/caregiver for that standard consultation. However extra charges may be made for ...

1. Disbursements
2. extended consultations (greater than 15 minutes)
3. home visits and mileage
4. extra procedures
5. surgical procedures
6. medical supplies
7. referral letters
8. phoned/faxed prescriptions
9. Non enrolled/casual consultations
10. Failing to arrive for a booked appointment without good reason

We are happy to clarify any questions that may arise.



Waihopai Health Skin Cancer Clinic:

Waihopai Health Services is pleased to offer the community of Southland our own Skin Cancer Clinic.

Skin cancer rates in New Zealand are the highest in the world. Otago and Southland are particularly affected. Our rates are even higher than those in Australia.

Dr Wali Kamali, of Waihopai Health Services, has special training in the identification and removal of skin cancers and other skin lesions. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland) and has recently completed the certificates in Skin Cancer Medicine and Advanced Skin Cancer Surgery qualifications to become a Member of the Skin Cancer College of Australia.

With the use of a dermatoscope, a special device used to examine skin lesions, he is better able to identify different types of skin cancers including malignant melanoma. This may result in earlier excision, better management and improved long-term outcomes.

Dr Kamali has many years of surgical experience. As well as being a General Practitioner, he continues to provide skin surgery services to the Southland District Health Board, helping manage their minor surgical waiting list.

Dr Kamali is now available for consultation by self-referral or by referral by the patient's own GP or specialist.

Visit Our Website: <https://waihopaihealth.co.nz/>

Management of Patient Results:

If your doctor or nurse has ordered a test or investigation at your consultation there should be a plan discussed with you as to how these will be followed up. This would be by an arranged consultation or other follow-up communication.

Results of these tests are reviewed and interpreted by the doctor or nurse as they become available.

It is important to note that both normal and abnormal results may have significance in relation to your history. If the doctor or nurse decide they are of significance, you will be contacted by phone, text message or email. The time frame and follow-on care can then be arranged.