



CONSULTATION NOW OPEN – NATIONAL ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINES 'Te Whata Kura'

- Our national antibiotic guidelines now have a name – *Te Whata Kura* – which combines concepts of antibiotics as a taonga (precious resource) and the guidelines as a storage place of knowledge.
- *Te Whata Kura* has been developed over the past 18 months with considerable input from 12 district antimicrobial stewardship teams and a paediatric expert panel, as well as interviews with both Māori and non-Māori prescribers.
- The draft electronic version is now open for broader review.
- If you're a clinician, committee, organisation or professional body involved with antibiotic use in Aotearoa, we warmly welcome your input – on both the content and presentation.
- We'll also seek to connect directly with speciality groups to ensure content aligns with current practice.
- See instructions below for how you can help shape this new national resource.
- Find out more about our team and the development of *Te Whata Kura* [here](#).

ACCESSING TE WHATA KURA

Te Whata Kura is a progressive web app

- access via a browser (like any website)
- save to a home screen and open it like an app
- updates automatically (no manual updates)
- fast and responsive

How to access *Te Whata Kura*

1. Open your web browser (e.g. Chrome, Safari).
2. Go to <https://tewhatakura.nz>.
3. In your browser, you'll see an app icon appear enabling you to download the app. It works on any device – desktop, phone or tablet.
4. On first use, you'll be asked for your role, where you practise and your practice type. This is saved on each device, and can be updated anytime under "Settings".

GIVING FEEDBACK

How?

- For feedback about recommended treatments, use the "Give feedback" button located at the end of each treatment recommendation.
- For general feedback about *Te Whata Kura*, use the "Give feedback" button under "Settings" at the top of *Te Whata Kura*.

When?

- Please submit feedback before 07 November 2025.

What?

- We welcome any advice:
 - wording, presentation or navigation,
 - clinical or practise recommendations,
 - quick thoughts, constructive criticism or big ideas.
- We especially want to hear of actions to support equity in appropriate prescribing.
- Please share supporting evidence.

KEY DATES

07 Nov 2025	Final day to submit feedback if seeking to inform official release
Dec 2025	Official release

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- We have prepared documents to support use of *Te Whata Kura* and the consultation. We encourage your feedback on these also.

1. Supporting optimal use of antibiotics:

- [Shared antibiotic prescribing responsibilities](#)
- [Cephalosporins in patients with penicillin allergy](#)
- [IV to oral switch criteria \(adults\)](#)

2. Discussion documents – areas where guidance may be complex, emerging or contentious

- [Cefalexin for gram-negative infections \(adults\)](#)
- [Short topics \(adults\)](#), e.g. 'CORB' score for pneumonia severity, oral amoxicillin+clavulanic acid in combination with amoxicillin

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

- Email us at antibiotic.conservation@auckland.ac.nz.