



Primary Options Acute Care (POAC)

The POAC programme is available to General Practice Teams in the MidCentral District who chose to have this included in their contracted services (see schedule for details). For further details regarding any aspect of the programme, please contact 0212258629 or poac@thinkhauora.nz.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for POAC services, the following criteria applies:

- The patient is acutely unwell and in the clinician's opinion, the patient would otherwise have been referred acutely to hospital.
- The patient has been assessed as clinically safe and appropriate to be managed in the community.
- The patient has given their consent to the recommended treatment.
- The patient has given their consent to their clinical consultation notes being used for auditing and evaluation purposes as part of the data collection process for the POAC.
- The patient is eligible to access funded New Zealand healthcare services.
- The clinician is able to take responsibility for the patient's care or have handed over the patient to another clinician.
- Other applicable funding streams have been considered (ACC, maternity, private insurance) and should be used in the first instance.