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Official information request HN200019424

Thank you for your Official Information Request received on 15 May 2023.

Request

- 1) *Do any other practices in the DHB have the pulmonary thrombectomy inari tools or access?*
- 2) *Are there plans to purchase other such systems?*
- 3) *Does any other DHB have access to the use of this tool at Auckland DHB?*
- 4) *Can you provide any details regarding the funding for or plan to fund further such systems going forward?*

Te Toka Tumai Auckland Response

1. Do any other practices in the DHB have the pulmonary thrombectomy inari tools or access?

At Te Toka Tumai Auckland, this practice is under the care of the Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) which includes Interventional Radiology (IR), Cardiothoracic and Vascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU), Respiratory, Cardiology, and Cardiothoracic Surgery, with the procedures carried out by Interventional Radiology. Inari tools are not used, the team uses Penumbra Lightning Flash.

2. Are there plans to purchase other such systems?

We have no current investment plans for further equipment.

3. Does any other DHB have access to the use of this tool at Auckland DHB?

As mentioned, Inari tools are not used at Te Toka Tumai Auckland. Our team uses Penumbra Lightning Flash. As such, patients from other areas in the country do get referred to Auckland for procedures using Penumbra Lightning Flash.

4. Can you provide any details regarding the funding for or plan to fund further such systems going forward?

We have no current investment plans for further equipment.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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