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Dear Mr McGregor

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA requests of 24 November 2021 which were transferred to Taranaki DHB on 22 December 2021 by the Ministry of Health. You have requested the following information:

- *What are the official guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)?*

Taranaki DHB does not have any official guidelines for urgent x-rays as this is would be dependent on the clinical scenario.

- *What are the guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to the Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/and upper right and left quadrant pain?*

Taranaki DHB does not have specific official guidelines for recurrent presentations for abdominal pain as this would be dependent on the clinical scenario.

- *Guidelines/procedures for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction.*

Taranaki DHB does not have specific guidelines for motility disorders however can carry out the following motility testing via nuclear medicine testing:

- Gastric emptying study
- Colonic motility study (an x-ray marker study can also be done for colonic motility)

Other tests are sent to other DHBs on a case by case basis e.g. oesophageal rectal manometry, defecating proctograms, oesophageal impedance studies.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



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