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Tēnā koe Jodie

Request for information: Immunosuppressed/diabetic/cancer populations - common associated conditions

Thank you for your request dated 17 April 2024 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to immunosuppressed/diabetic/cancer populations. You requested:

Please share with New Zealand public, the most up to date advice, reports, and information advising:

- a. For people prescribed immunosuppressants, the most predominant associated health conditions (in data/percentages).*
- b. For people prescribed chemotherapeutic agents, data on types and prevalence of associated comorbid health conditions (in data/percentages) and data on costs of medicines commonly co-prescribed.*
- c. For people prescribed diabetes medication, data on types and prevalence of associated comorbid health conditions (in data/percentages) and data on costs of medicines commonly co-prescribed.*
- d. General information held by Pharmac on the costs of multimorbidity and/or metabolic syndrome.*

Pharmac are unable to meet your request due to the significant amount of collation and modelling required to provide the requested information. As such, your request is refused in full in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I can however provide you with a copy the Prescription for Pharmacoeconomic Analysis (PFPA) which indicates the methods we use to assess the cost to the health system for the various health conditions assessed by Pharmac: <https://pharmac.govt.nz/assets/pfpa-2-2.pdf>

Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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