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## MEDEREV 2.0 IS HERE!

After five months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch of Mederev 2.0.

As a leading medication management provider, it is our goal to provide the most streamlined and innovative way to manage medication services such as medication reviews, referrals and education services.

Our current and prospective clients will find useful information about our services on the homepage of our website, and with quick access links to their own personalised portal.

Amongst the new website, we have also integrated social media links for to LinkedIn to foster improved communication with the clients and deliver education to the wider community.

We will be constantly updating our content with company announcements, aged care news, research updates and education initiatives and client successes. You will also have the option to subscribe to our quarterly research updates.

We hope the new website will show you how we have designed growth and created new value for our clients.

The new website can be accessed at:  
[my.mederev.com.au](https://my.mederev.com.au).

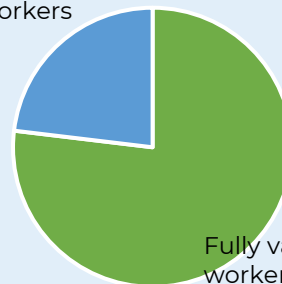
Please see your Mederev consultant for a virtual demonstration or how-to-guide.

### Approx. 80% of aged care workers are fully vaccinated, leading the nation in vaccination uptake

Immunisation is especially important for health care workers because they have a high risk of catching diseases from infected people. They can then easily pass them on to other people. The government has announced that vaccination against COVID-19 will now be mandatory for anyone working in residential aged care. To date, 95.8 per cent of residential aged care workers have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. 76.9 per cent of workers are fully vaccinated.

For more information, please speak to your Mederev consultant or visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>.

Unvaccinated workers



Fully vaccinated workers

Recent health department data reveals that approximately 76.9% residential aged care workers are fully vaccinated.



## BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLANS

All residential aged care providers must have Behaviour Support Plans (BSP) in place from 1 September 2021. BSPs form part of the existing Care and Services Plan and are required for any care recipient:

- that needs behaviour support
- where the use of a restrictive practice has been assessed as necessary, and
- where a restrictive practice is being used.

They are an important part of providing care, dignity and respect to senior Australians.

For support, please contact your Mederev consultant.



## Aged Care Employee Day

7<sup>TH</sup> August 2021

We are thankful for everyone across our aged care sector who is working hard to provide care for senior Australians.

This includes personal carers, nurses, chefs, allied health staff, cleaners, gardeners, laundry teams, administration staff and everyone who works in our aged care sector.

Thanks for caring, and for all that you do to make a positive difference in the lives of the thousands of older people that we support.

#THANKSFORCARING

## NEW SHINGLES VACCINE

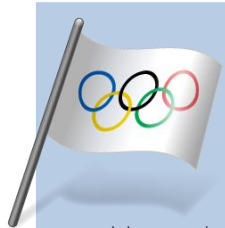
A new vaccine for Shingles (a painful infection caused by the chicken pox virus) has become available in Australia for adults 50 years and older.

The vaccination involves two intramuscular injections, preferably in the deltoid muscle, with a two-to-six-month interval between doses. The vaccine has been proved to reduce the risk of shingles, in those 50 years and older, by 97.2%.

Previously, the only vaccine available in Australia for shingles was Zostavax. However, new warnings have been published about the vaccine regarding possible adverse effects in those who with a weakened immune system.

Shingrix will be the first shingles vaccine to be available for those who are immunocompromised.

For more information, please speak to your Mederev consultant or your doctor.



## Re-igniting joy and excitement for aged care residents

It has become especially important that we remain positive and connected to those around us who may be struggling to cope with the current pandemic.

The Tokyo Olympic Games has sparked laughter, joy and re-ignited the competitive spirit for aged care residents living with lockdowns and restrictions across the nation.

Aged care facilities have used items such as pool noodles, hand-made paper medals and even Nerf toy blasters to stage their own modified Olympic Game activities.

## MEDICINES UPDATES

### HYDROMORPHONE (ORAL LIQUID) - Discontinued

**Brand name:** Dilaudid (oral liquid).

This product has been discontinued since April 2021. No other brands of oral liquid hydromorphone are available; however, oral tablets and injections are still available. The 2mg and 4mg tablets can be crushed if needed. However, 8 mg tablets cannot be crushed and must be swallowed whole.

For more information, please speak to your Mederev consultant or your doctor or visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/sabs/>

### ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE 120mg – Shortage

**Brand name:** Imdur Durules and Monodur Durules tablets.

A shortage has been declared for this product. The TGA has allowed pharmacists to substitute orders for isosorbide mononitrate 120mg with isosorbide mononitrate 60 mg tablets, with an increased quantity (contact prescriber).

For more information, please speak to your Mederev consultant or your doctor or visit: <https://www.tga.gov.au/alert/>