



FAQs

1. What is the EPiC dashboard?

EPiC stands for Evaluating Prescribing to inform Care and this dashboard is a new user-friendly tool that allows primary care clinicians to explore prescribing trends for patients enrolled at their practice, at similar practices, and nationally. Over time it will allow clinicians to visualise their prescribing data for four focus conditions (diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma, and gout) in a variety of different ways.

2. Why was EPiC developed?

The EPiC dashboard is part of the delivery of a PHARMAC contract for the Responsible Use of Pharmaceuticals in primary care. Matui was formed to provide data analysis and visualisations and educational resources to help promote and encourage more equitable prescribing practices.

3. Who is the intended audience?

The intended audience is primary care prescribers, these could be GPs, nurse prescribers or pharmacist prescribers. Each will have an individual login allowing them to view their own prescribing data along with their practice data (if applicable) and their peers' data. National level prescribing data will be available for anyone interested in viewing this.

4. How do I sign up to access EPiC?

You can sign up here:

www.akohiringa.co.nz/epic-dashboard

5. Where are the data sourced from?

Our data come from the Ministry of Health datasets. For the first dashboard, the two data sources utilised are The Pharmaceutical Collection and the PHO Enrolment Collection. Future dashboards may include data from the National Minimum Dataset, the Maternity Collection and from PMS systems.

6. How old are the data?

We aim to update the EPiC data every quarter, allowing for a one-month delay in receiving the data from the Ministry of Health.

7. How does EPiC differ from the HQSC Atlas of Healthcare Variation dashboard?

EPiC does have some similarities to the HQSC Atlas of Healthcare Variation dashboard, especially in its goal of achieving medicines equity. However, the EPiC dashboard displays data down to an individual practice or prescriber level.

8. How do I find out more about the methodology used in the EPiC dashboard?

Extra information about data methodology can be found in the data methodology document here:

www.akohiringa.co.nz/epic-dashboard

9. How do I read the dashboard?

New EPiC stories will be available every few months and will present prescribing data in varying ways. The best (and easiest!) way to understand the information presented in EPiC is to watch our short user guide video. The video, found at the bottom of the **About EPiC page**, guides you through each of the dashboard elements.