



EPiC user guide

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Click your initials and select "My Profile" to view your account details. You can also log out from here.

1 EPiC Home

Click here to go to the EPiC homepage – you will find an overview of all data themes here.

2 Education

Click here to go to the He Ako Hiringa homepage, where you'll find a range of free educational resources to complement the EPiC data stories.

3 Problem of practice

Here we name a problem of practice and give some context around how the data can be used to help resolve it.

4 National data

This tab contains the data stories with national level data populating the charts.

5 Data story

These are the individual data stories within the overall theme. They display aspects of data relevant to the overall problem of practice.

6 Context-setting content box

This content sets the scene for the data and explains why these data are displayed.

7 Your Patients data display

This shows data about your patients. Your patients are anyone who has had a medicine dispensed from a prescription you have provided in any setting.

8 Focus points

These questions can help you to interpret your data and assist you to gain key messages from the data.

9 More information

Links to additional information on He Ako Hiringa including methodology and related education resources are provided here.

Prescribers need to move away from cilazapril use

Prescribers are being encouraged to move away from the use of cilazapril. This is to minimise the impact on patients and on prescribers' workflow if cilazapril becomes unavailable in the future. This dashboard theme allows you to:

- view data about patients dispensed cilazapril, nationally and by both prescriber and practice
- see the rate at which patients have been transitioned from cilazapril so far.

This can help prescribers to plan for patients still taking cilazapril and identify priority groups to transition from cilazapril.

Cilazapril continues to be used frequently

Cilazapril is used in New Zealand much more than any other country. There is only one manufacturer of cilazapril internationally, which puts New Zealand at risk if a future manufacturing or supply issue arises. Use the data displays below to see how many of your patients and patients in your practice are continuing to be dispensed cilazapril.

YOUR PATIENTS DISPENSED CILAZAPRIL
Use filters to view population variables and percentage

PRACTICE PATIENTS DISPENSED CILAZAPRIL
Use filters to view population variables and percentage

Focus points

Use the EPiC Reflect tab to reflect on your practice, using the questions below to help you to interpret your data:

- How many of your patients are continuing to be dispensed cilazapril?
- What proportion of your patients dispensed ACE inhibitors/ARBs were dispensed cilazapril?

Practice points for moving away from cilazapril

When changing from cilazapril or initiating an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEi) or angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB):

- Choose once-a-day treatment wherever possible – simpler treatment regimens improve persistence.
- Where appropriate, consider an ARB for new patients because there is less risk of adverse effects, particularly the dry irritating cough associated with ACE inhibitors.
- When starting, titrate up slowly from a low initial dose to minimise the risk of adverse effects.

More information is available here:

Cilazapril data methodology
He Ako Hiringa – Switching blood pressure medications – it's time to break the cilazapril habit
He Ako Hiringa – Cilazapril unplugged – what alternatives?

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11 Assigned practice
This is the practice assigned to you determined by the number of prescriptions you provided – if this is not the practice you expected,

12 EPiC Reflect
EPiC Reflect prompts you to delve into the prescribing data, reflect on your current practice and develop quality improvement initiatives with your team. Each EPiC Reflect activity is populated with examples and endorsed by the RNZCGP for CME. Simply download and save the editable PDF, complete the activity, then upload to your CPD record.

Look for the "EPiC Reflect" icon on the right side of your screen.

13 Your data
This tab contains the data stories with your data and your practice data populating the charts.

ACTION

14 Date filter

This shows the period ending with the date shown. Select older time periods to compare trends over

ACTION

15 "Breakdown by" filter

This filters data by different demographics. Select ethnicity, age, gender or socioeconomic deprivation quintiles to compare data within these demographic groups.

ACTION

16 Unit filter

This filters data by absolute number of patients and by percentage of population. Select percentage in this filter to allow easier comparison between different demographic groups – the percentage within each demographic

17 Your Practice data display

This shows data about patients enrolled at your practice. The prescriptions can be provided by any prescriber including those not working in that practice (eg, specialists, after-hours

19 Chart description

This gives a more detailed description of data displayed in the chart above.

20 Where to from here

This provides additional information, such as practice points, tips to help achieve equity, and ideas for quality improvement.

21 Data updated

The dashboards include data up to this date.

18 Filter key

This colour-coded key illustrates the different "breakdown by" filters.

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