



# Extended Care Paramedic

**An Extended Care Paramedic (ECP) is a registered health professional. Most will have worked in emergency services prior to this role (such as St John Ambulance).**

ECPs are very good at understanding your health needs when you are very unwell and making sure you get the right level of care when you need it.

For many emergency or acute care needs, our ECPs may be able to treat you on the spot instead of having a consultation with the GP.

In some cases, ECPs might see you first to understand your needs and then get support from other clinicians (GPs or nurses) to agree your treatment.

The Extended Care Paramedic service is free, however, when other practice clinicians are also involved in your consultation there may be the usual consultation fee. Please speak to the reception team if you have any questions.

# Your general practice team is growing with new roles to support whānau living well in our community.

**Our practice team will continue to work alongside you and your whānau to provide the best care to meet your needs.**

The new roles\* include a:

- Care Coordinator
- Practice Pharmacist
- Extended Care Paramedic
- Physiotherapist

The services provided by these roles are free for people who are enrolled or are casual patients to the practice. Please note, that when other clinicians at the practice are also involved in your consultation, usual consultation fees may apply.

\*Not all practices will have all the roles mentioned. Reach out to the reception staff to find out which roles will be available.

