

# What sources of information are GPs using for prescribing? The quick and the good!

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# What GPs need

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- “...relevant, valid, quick and minimal effort”
- Medline not an option
  - Funded by MOH

# Aims & Participants

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- Random selection of NZ GPs 99  
(urban/rural 73%/21%)
- 72% response rate
- 94% used computerised prescribing
- Work in progress 205 pages in 8 slides

# Source used daily

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- MIMS book 64%
- MIMS CD 20%
- British National Formulary 9%

# Renal problems

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- MIMS 25
- Renal calculator 25 (BPAC)
- No change 11
- MIMs often need Medscape form 4 clicks and non specific advice
- Not in MIMS paper book
- BNF 5 clicks to get info register now!

# Malaria Rx for children

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- Good 65 => BNF, web, govt, specialists
- Poor 20 => NE, Medsafe, Pharm reps
- Maybe 7 => Colleague, textbooks
- People 17 specialists, colleagues 3, MOH 1
  - Potentially slow

# Recommended rx ? quality

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- 48 responded with recommended Rx
- 51 responded with other Rx
- Prescribing using web 9/48 vs 3/51
  - P = 0.06 2 sided p= 0.04 1 sided
- 63 GPs internet in office 42 with broadband

# Discussion

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- Relevant info: yes
- Valid: wide variety some not
- Quick: people good but not always quick
- Broadband quick but needs to be minimal effort i.e few clicks



# Conclusion

- NE MIMS widely used but not sufficient
- Comprehensive and quick
- 3 sites enough NE/MIMS, WHO and BNF
- Broadband made available
- Instruction on how to use

