



We thank you for your support in 2012 and wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday period. We look forward to working with you all in the new year.

## AUDIT ASSESSMENT

### New Module Released

A standalone version of the **Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)** is now available. It is located under the Forms menu.

In general, the higher the total score on the AUDIT, the greater the sensitivity in identifying people with alcohol dependence. The suggested resources reflect a step-wise approach to intervention. The FLAGS acronym is a prompt for a framework of brief intervention that is typically used in general practice.

The form has been adapted by Matua Raki for the New Zealand context.

Further information regarding the new AUDIT Assessment module can be found in the *bestpractice* news section (click the News menu on the *bestpractice* dashboard).

### Holiday Hours

Hours of operation over the Christmas break are as follows:

Monday 24th Dec	8.30-5pm
Tuesday 25th Dec	Closed
Wednesday 26th Dec	Closed
Thursday 27th Dec	8.30-5pm
Friday 28th Dec	8.30-5pm
Monday 31st Dec	8.30-5pm
Tuesday 1st Jan	Closed
Wednesday 2nd Jan	Closed
Thursday 3rd Jan	8.30-5pm
Friday 4th Jan	8.30-5pm
Monday 7th Jan	Normal Hours Resume

# 2012 Highlights

2012 has been a year of high achievement for *bestpractice*. Thank you for your support and contribution to our success. Our major milestones this year have included:

## Best of Health Award

Winning the Best of Health Award, for the rollout of the e-Referral system in collaboration with Midlands Health Network.

## e-Referral Rollout

The rollout of e-Referrals to all the Midland Health Alliance DHBs was completed in October 2012. To date 160,000 referrals have been transmitted at a current rate of more than 700 new referrals daily.

## Patient Prompt & BPI

The development of two new products: *bestpractice* Intelligence and Patient Prompt are assisting practices throughout New Zealand in achieving their Health Targets.

## The Common Form

The Common Form is a chronic disease management module targeting Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Chronic Kidney Disease all in one dynamic module.

## ACC18 Rollout

The rollout of the ACC18 online Medical Certificates to many New Zealand general practices will continue into 2013.

## FASTEST Trial

The FASTEST trial - an assessment of the efficacy of the *bestpractice* Stroke/TIA module - began in March 2012. The trial is funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand.

## *bestpractice* Usage

*bestpractice* is used on average 3,399 times every business day by general practice in New Zealand. In November 2012, that amounted to more than 68,000 uses. Since 2005 the number is 1.5 million. The graph below shows how usage has increased since *bestpractice* launched in 2005.



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