



## New Clinical Pathway for Child Head Injury Management

A Northern Region Head Injury and Concussion in Children pathway has been developed for primary care. The pathway has been written in partnership with ACC, Primary Care, Auckland Regional HealthPathways, Urgent Care, and Child Development representation.

The purpose of the child head injury follow-up project is to produce a HealthPathway for the Northern Region that enables identification and management of children following a head injury (not requiring hospital admission).

The HealthPathway provides assessment tools and management options for follow-up and referral for children 0-14 years old, who have a non-intentional head injury (without admission to hospital), within the Northern Region seen by:

- a. General Practice
- b. Urgent Care medical facilities
- c. Hospital emergency departments

The pathway can be found on the following website:

<http://aucklandregion.healthpathways.org.nz>

Username: connected

Password: healthcare

ACC are piloting this pathway in primary care in the northern region. It is **important** that this information is communicated widely to all GPs and Urgent Care, **as there is funding available** to complete an assessment.

ACC have agreed to fully fund a Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT3 or SCAT4 once published in February 2017) as part of a pilot project commencing **December 2016 and finishing 30 June 2017** following a positive ACE screen (see head injury pathway) in the northern region.

To bill for a SCAT3 assessment, please use the following billing code:

Billing Code	Description	Price (GST excl)
GPSC	GP SCAT3/4 Assessment for Mild TBI in children/youth	\$ 110.63

The price is a set fee for this assessment. A co-payment cannot be charged. The GPSC cannot be used in conjunction with any other consultation or procedure code in addition to the GPSC.

As this code can only be used by GP practices in the Northern Regional Alliance pilot area, please add this code manually to your PMS system for electronic billing. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact your PMS provider. If you do encounter payment problems, please contact ACC's Provider Contact Centre on 0800 222 070.