

Vital Signs

Thank you for your support



Our Voice

Media

NZMA Chair Kate Baddock spoke with a number of media outlets this week including with Stuff on primary care and the mole removal process and TVNZ on the latest NZMJ research on medical cannabis.

Message of Sympathy

Our condolences to Dr Buzz Burrell, Board and GP Council member, on the loss of his youngest daughter Poppy last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Buzz and Lauren and their whanau.



CELEBRATING 1000 ISSUES OF VITAL SIGNS

This week we celebrate 1000 issues of Vital Signs covering the latest medical and healthcare news, policies and happenings and how NZMA is working for you.

Over 100 submissions to select committees, Medical council, ACC, Ministry of Health and more - submissions range from Arms Legislation to folic acid fortification.

Over 300 interviews with the media on topics ranging from climate change through to the Budget, advanced care directions, ban on boxing and future of medicine in NZ.

Over 300 vacancies as a free service for members and highlighted over 100 medical and healthcare conferences.

Many member benefits highlighted including advisory services on:

- Commerce Act
- Employment Relations Act
- Health Information Privacy Code
- Privacy Act
- The Health (Retention of Health Information) Regulations
- Holidays Act
- Parental Leave and Employment Act
- Protected Disclosures Act
- The Health Act



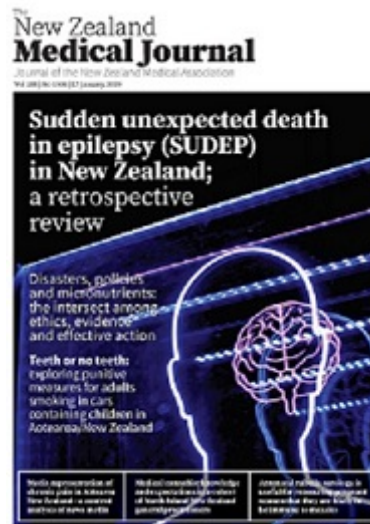
NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST 2020

Congratulations to NZMA Member **Dr Alison Heather Gaston**, of Dunedin who received the Queen's Service Medal for services to health and health education.

Our congratulations to our colleagues below who were also recognised:

- Dr Edward Ward, of Napier. For services to intensive care practice.
- Dr Dianne Rosemary Webster, QSO, of Auckland. For services to health, particularly paediatrics.
- Dr John Wayne Delahunt, of Wellington. For services to endocrinology and the transgender community.
- Dr David Anthony Codyre, of Auckland. For services to mental health.

For a full list of those who were recognised go to the [DPMC website](#).



LATEST NZ MEDICAL JOURNAL

NZ's latest medical research out - [Read the full journal](#) (you will need your login).

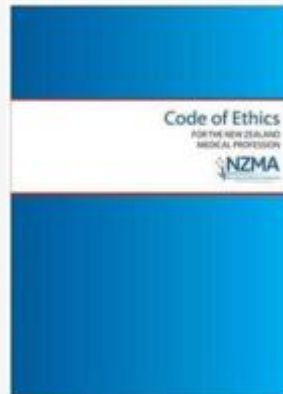
[Editorial](#) - *Disasters, policies and micronutrients: the intersect among ethics, evidence and effective action*

Open access

[Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy \(SUDEP\) in New Zealand: a retrospective review](#)

Other articles including the below and many more:

- [Medical cannabis](#): knowledge and expectations in a cohort of North Island New Zealand general practitioners
- Trends in length of stay following acute coronary syndrome hospitalisation in New Zealand 2006-2016: [ANZACS-QI 32 study](#)
- [Stage at diagnosis for Māori cancer patients](#): disparities, similarities and data limitations.



NZMA CODE OF ETHICS REVIEW YOUR VIEWS SOUGHT

There was a large amount of feedback on the second round of consultation on the review of the NZMA Code of Ethics. In view of this the publication of the updated Code was deferred.

The NZMA Ethics Committee has now completed consideration of all feedback received and is conducting a third round of consultation on a proposed [final draft](#) of the Code.

Amendments that have been made following the second round of consultation are shown in red. All feedback will be passed to the Ethics Committee who will convene again early next year to finalise the Code which will be presented for adoption at the NZMA Council in May 2020.

Please provide your comments to [Sanji](#) by **Friday 31 January 2020**.



PROPOSED FEES FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF NEW ZEALAND-

BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION PROVIDERS

NZMA recently submitted to the Medical Council on the proposed fees for the accreditation of New Zealand-based vocational training and recertification providers.

NZMA is supportive, in principle, of Activity-Based Costing for fees, however has raised concerns on the impacts of the proposed fees on small membership colleges such as the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine.

Read the full submission [here](#).



UPDATE: CHANGE TO CERVICAL SCREENING START AGE

The Ministry of Health has released an [update](#) regarding the change to the cervical screening start age.

Key points:

- The relevant updates to the PMSs which occurred in November
- Reminder for primary care about the management of women under 25 that remain on the recall list.
- Updated NCSP resources - available via Health Ed.
- Please review and update your relevant resources in relation to the age change.
- Reminder of where to find digital resources and updates relevant to the age change.



**WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE MEMBER
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE WEBINAR**

Message on behalf of Dr Joe Heyman, Chair of the WMA Associate Members

Our associate members would like to invite you to our first webinar of 2020 on Universal Health Coverage.

We are especially delighted that our Secretary General, Dr Otmar Kloiber, has agreed to share his experience, expertise, and erudition.

To find the time at your location, just go to <https://tinyurl.com/tngu462>.

This promises to be a truly exciting presentation with attention to the definition, politics, and support of Universal Health Coverage.

WMA Associate Member Webinar - Universal Health Coverage

Otmar Kloiber, MD

Wed, Feb 12, 2020, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CET)

Registration

[Register here](#) for WMA Associate Member Webinar - Universal Health Coverage on Feb 12, 2020 6:00 PM CET

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



PUBLIC HEALTH LAW COURSE FEBRUARY 2020

On Thursday 27 February, the University of Otago (Wellington) is hosting a summer school public health law course.

Law is a determinant of and a tool for public health. Understanding how law works, and how it underpins public health, is vital to ensure we work effectively. Creative ways of harnessing law will help New Zealand meet new challenges in public health. The course:

- Gives a basic introduction to law: where to find it and how to interpret it.
- Overviews the legal frameworks that govern public health law in relation to communicable disease issues, environmental health, and products such as tobacco, alcohol, and gambling.
- Looks at what's new on the legal front and what's proposed: where are we at with privacy legislation, water regulation, fluoridation?
- Reviews international law that affects public health.

To find out timetables and details for registration, visit their [website](#)



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FOURTH NATIONAL *CHOOSING WISELY* FORUM

Registration for the *Choosing Wisely* 2020 forum is open. The forum, *Choosing Wisely – Choosing Equity: a focus on equity, sustainability and shared decision-making* is being held in Wellington on 1 May 2020.

The *Choosing Wisely* campaign encourages health professionals to talk with patients about unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures; and patients to discuss with their health professional whether they really need a particular intervention. Learn more about this experience on their [website](#).

Quote of the week

Everything in excess is opposed to nature.

Hippocrates

CLASSIFIED ADS and situations vacant

NZMA offers members free classifieds and vacancy advertisements.

Check out NZMJ website's [Vacancies page](#) and you may just find your dream opportunity.

Latest vacancies and classifieds include the following - just click on the vacancy/classified ad to be taken to the full ad:

Vacancies

- [Specialist Physician for Older People | Northland DHB \(Closes 16 February\)](#)
- [Senior Medical Officer – Addiction Services | Masterton \(Closes 9 February\)](#)
- [Senior Medical Officer | Queensland Dept of Health \(Closes 28 January\)](#)
- [General Practitioner - Part-time, Long term | Lower Hutt \(Closes 1 February\)](#)

- [Senior Medical Officer \(Adult Internal Medicine\) | Australia \(Closes 28 January\)](#)
- [Senior Medical Officer \(Rural Generalist\) and Senior Medical Officer \(Obstetrics\) | Queensland, Australia \(Closes 23 January\)](#)
- [Part-time GP wanted in Mapua, Nelson \(Closes 1 February 2020\)](#)
- [GP Required | Te Puke \(Closes 6 February 2020\)](#)
- [Staff Specialist - Paediatrician | Australia \(Closes 28 January 2020\)](#)
- [Public Health Physician Dunedin | Otago](#)
- [Associate GP wanted - New Lynn, Auckland \(Closes 30 January\)](#)
- [Associate Editors for the NZMJ](#)
- [Doctor for Pitcairn Island | South Pacific \(Closes 31 January\)](#)

Classifieds

- [GP partnership for sale | Nelson City](#)
- [Shareholding for sale in Auckland Medical Centre](#)

Members advertise for free - [classifieds](#) and/or vacancies via [Hotline](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

View our upcoming health sector events - go to the [NZMA events page on our website](#) for the full list.

OraTaiao
NZ Climate & Health Council

**ORA TAIAO
NZ CLIMATE & HEALTH COUNCIL**

16-17 June 2020

Save the date

Key note speaker , Dr David Pencheon



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND GENERAL MEDICINE UPDATE

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20-22 March 2020

How do you keep your knowledge and skills up to date?

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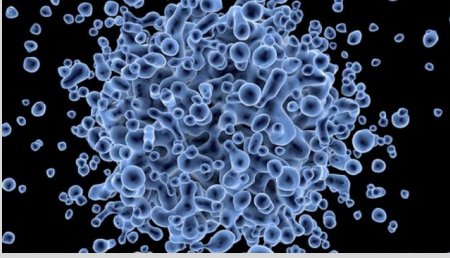
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Member Advisory Service

Health Support for Doctors

Maintaining good health is as essential for doctors as it is for their patients. The NZMA has developed a resource that sets out what is available to doctors should they suffer ill health. It outlines services available through medical colleges and other medical organisations.

These flyers are available for members to download from the [NZMA advisory service](#) on our website. You must be logged in to view and/or download these flyers, or you can [email Robyn](#) for copies.

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