

Vital Signs

thank you for your ongoing support



Our Voice

MEDIA

[NZMA welcomes](#) the Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry Report on stage one of the Health Services and Outcomes. Dr Kate Baddock, Chair of NZMA talked with NZ Doctor (not published at the time of writing).

Kate also spoke with [Local Matters](#) on the End of Life Choice Bill.

DIARY

NZMA Chair Dr Kate Baddock attended the PSAAP meeting.

NZMA CEO Lesley Clarke attended the Health Tech Week conference. Lesley also attended the Scheme Customer Advisory Panel which is a joint group of ACC and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).



END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL & MEMBER VIEWS

In late 2017 and early 2018 NZMA undertook a programme of engagement with members on euthanasia and the End of Life Choice Bill. We also asked members to feedback on the independent [Report](#) to the NZMA by Professor Grant Gillett.

In Vital Signs we again sought feedback on our [2005 Position statement](#) and the End Of Life Choice Bill followed up with surveying members to inform [our submission on the EOLC Bill](#).

We welcome your input and ongoing engagement - you can email us [here](#).



RARE DISORDERS NZ'S MISSION

Rare Disorders NZ (formerly NZORD) primary mission is to support, assist and promote better health care and well-being for patients and their families/whānau living with a rare disorder in New Zealand.

It will do this by amplifying the voices of all New Zealanders living with a rare health condition. This year it was the nominated charity at the recent Rotorua GPCME conference.

Rare Disorders NZ, puts the people who are supported by the organisation first so as to better reflect the modern, effective organisation it is today and the links it has to the more than 140 support groups and partners.

Rare Disorders NZ focus is to make a difference for the people and whānau living with rare disorders - this is especially important as New Zealand is so far behind other countries in providing a 'fair go' for this vulnerable group.

We encourage you to check out their new [website](#) and logo featuring a kōtare - the New Zealand Kingfisher which is found throughout New Zealand in a wide range of habitats and although common is rarely seen compared to other native birds.

PHARMAC

TE PĀTAKA WHAIORANGA

PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH) VACCINE UPDATE

From 1 July 2019 funding of the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine will include pregnant women in the second and third trimester of their pregnancy, as well as parents or primary caregivers of infants admitted to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or Specialist Care Baby Unit for more than 3 days.

This decision means that funded access to the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (DTaP; funded brand name Boostrix) will change from 1 July 2019. Changes in Section I and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule will be published from 1 August 2019.

[Read more about the changes on the PHARMAC website.](#)



YOUR FEEDBACK WANTED X2

1. The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) is consulting on a draft revised Alcohol Advertising and Promotion Code (appendix 4 in the [consultation document](#)).

Specific responses are being sought to the following questions.

1. Do you think there any inconsistencies between the draft code and the current legislation that applies to the advertising and promotion of alcohol? Please provide details.
2. Do you agree with the wording of the draft code? If not, please outline the part or parts you disagree with and explain why.
3. Are there any aspects of alcohol advertising and promotion standards that are not captured in this draft code? Please outline any additions you believe are required and why. (Please check Appendix 1 for issues outside the scope of this Code)
4. Please include any current alcohol advertisements or promotions you consider are problematic and explain why. It would be helpful for you to include a copy of the advertisement or promotion or information on where and when you saw it so that we can source it if you are not able to provide a copy.

To help inform our response, please provide your feedback on the consultation, including specific responses to the above questions if relevant, to Policy Manager, [Sanji Gunasekara](#), by close of business **Monday 22 July**.

2. The Health Committee has called for submissions on the Smoke-free Environments (Prohibiting Smoking in Motor Vehicles Carrying Children) Amendment Bill.

[This bill](#) would prohibit smoking in vehicles, including employers in work vehicles, carrying anyone under the age of 18. The bill would give the police the power to stop any vehicle with children in it, in which a constable sees a person smoking. The police would be able to require the vehicle to be stopped for as long as necessary to make inquiries, require the person to stop smoking, and require the person to provide their information.

The bill proposes a \$50 infringement fee or a court fine not exceeding \$100 for any person found smoking in the presence of anyone under the age of 18 in a vehicle. Stationary vehicles parked on the road that are being used as dwellings would be exempt from this bill.

To help inform our response, please provide your feedback on the Bill to Policy Manager, [Sanji Gunasekara](#), by close of business **Tuesday 16 July**.



Te Kaunihera
Rata o
Aotearoa

**Medical
Council of
New Zealand**

NZMA SUBMISSION TO THE MEDICAL COUNCIL

[NZMA's submission](#) to the Medical Council on *Cultural Competence, Partnership and Health Equity*, acknowledges the importance of the work the Council has done in these important areas. The Council's statement prompted a robust discussion on the use of the terms cultural competence and cultural safety, including their relative merits and limitations.



**MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT**
HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AMENDMENT ACT 2018 - RESTORATION OF THE 30-DAY RULE:

New employees must be employed under terms consistent with the collective agreement (PHC MECA) for the first 30 days of their employment.

Form for employees to indicate if they intend to join a union

Employers must provide new employees with a form (see link below) within the employee's first ten days of employment and return the form to the NZNO, unless the employee objects. The form gives employees time to talk to their NZNO representatives before considering and indicating whether they intend to join the NZNO or remain on the individual employment agreement.

[Form](#) for employees to indicate if they intend to join a union.

[Guidance](#) for employers in providing the form to new employees.

Note. Employers must pass on information about the role and function of unions to prospective employees. Unions must bear the costs if they want printed materials to be passed on.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & REGISTERED NURSE PRESCRIBING

The Associate Health Minister Hon Jenny Salesa has announced today a managed roll out of limited nurse prescribing of contraceptives and some short-term antibiotics for common conditions.

The Nursing Council, in partnership with Counties Manukau Health and Family Planning New Zealand, completed a trial and evaluation of a workplace-based education programme to prepare registered nurses prescribing in community settings such as primary health care, schools, public health and sexual health.

Find out more on the [Council website](#).

Quote of the week

We build too many walls and not enough bridges
Sir Isaac Newton

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 include:

- [Practice Nurse | Lower Hutt \(Closes 15 July 2019\)](#)
- [Public Health Physician/Medical Officer of Health | Hawke's Bay \(Closes 26 July 2019\)](#)

- [Locum GP | Wellington \(Closes 24 July 2019\)](#)
- [Clinical Research Fellow - Medical Oncology | Auckland \(Closes 21 July 2019\)](#)
- [Medical Director, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine | Auckland \(Closes 20 July 2019\)](#)
- [Senior Medical Leadership Role | Palmerston North \(Closes 7 July 2019\)](#)

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.

11TH NEW ZEALAND IMMUNISATION CONFERENCE

5-7 September 2019, Auckland

This Conference and Workshop provide fantastic opportunities to share research and experience to contribute to a better understanding of vaccine-preventable disease control and immunisation delivery services in New Zealand. Including local and international presenters, with Keynote speaker, Kathryn Edwards, a Professor of Paediatrics specialising in paediatric infectious disease and vaccination in pregnancy at the Vanderbilt University in Nashville, USA.

2019 Immunisation Awards

For the first time, this year put forward your nominations for Immunisation Awards, to acknowledge the service and achievement of those working so hard to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases in New Zealand.

A draft programme outline is available and registration is open [online now](#).

NZMA GP CME SOUTH

8-11 August 2019, Christchurch

The GP CME has a reputation for short, sharp and to the point clinical content relevant to daily practice. Each session has 2-3 key 'take-home' messages to change clinical behaviour immediately.

All General Practitioners, Registrars, Registered Nurses and Practice Managers are invited to attend.

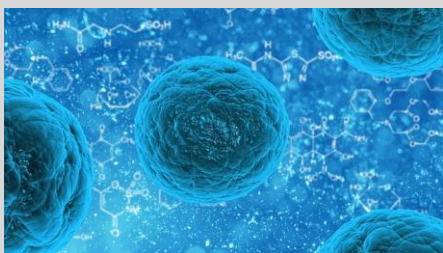
GP CME South is both endorsed for CME and MOPS purposes by the RNZCGP.

NZMA members receive a **\$150 discount** on registrations.

For more information, visit the [GP CME website](#).



MEMBER BENEFITS



NO COST ADVERTISING

NZMA offers members the facility to place vacancies for personnel in the NZMJ and Vital Signs.

Reach the medical professionals you want and take advantage of this facility as many do week on week.

EMIRATES

Have you booked your next holiday yet?

As a member of NZMA, you and your immediate family (when they fly with you) can save on airfares in Economy Class and Business Class when you fly with Emirates. Book today and receive 5% discount off flights to over 150 destinations worldwide.

This includes Business Flex/Flex Plus and Economy Flex/Flex Plus fares*, as well as Business Saver and Economy Saver fares*

For more information and to redeem this offer head to the [NZMA website](#) - remember must be logged in to access this page.

NZMA Advisory Service

MEDICAL RECORD

Can you answer all of the following questions?

- How long must I retain medical records?
- Can health information be transferred?
- Can the obligation to retain medical records be transferred?
- How is health information to be retained?
- How do I dispose of Health information?

The NZMA Advisory Service has a resource that answers these questions and other issues covered in the Health (Retention of Health Information) Regulations 1996.

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 [NZMA](#) for copies.

Vital Signs is your weekly bulletin about the NZMA and 'what's hot'.

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