

# Vital Signs

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## Our Voice

### Media

NZMA talked with the media on key issues impacting doctors this week including [primary care targets](#).

### Diary

NZMA Chair Kate BAddock and NZMA's CEO Lesley Clarke had a number of meetings in Wellington including with Keriana Brooking, the Ministry of Health's Deputy-Director General Health System Improvement and with the NZ Podiatrist Board.

The NZMA Board met in Wellington this week.



## 2020 NZMA ELECTIONS OPEN - YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD AND ADVOCATE FOR OUR PROFESSION

### Our leadership | Your advocacy

We are only as strong as our collective voice. Be part of our leadership where change begins and decisions are made.

NZMA is a strong advocate on medico-political issues, with a strategic programme of advocacy with politicians and officials across the board.

We provide leadership for the medical profession. We promote professional ethics, unity and values for our profession and for the health of all New Zealanders.

#### **NZMA Board - two positions**

#### **Doctors-in-Training Council - four positions**

#### **Specialist Council - one position**

Download your [nomination form here](#) and find out more below.

Download the [information booklet here](#).

Current representatives information [here](#).

- *All nominations must have the endorsement of the nominee.*
- Nominations close **midnight Friday 13 March**.
- If more nominations are received than positions available, an election will be held.



## 2019 NZMA & NZMSA TEACHING AWARDS- SECOND ROUND OPEN

The second round of nominations for the 2019 NZMA & NZSMA Teaching Awards has opened. For more detail on the Awards themselves [click here](#).

NZMA and NZSMA are looking for examples of excellent teaching displayed by the shortlisted finalists to help the judging panel make their final decision as to whom receives each award.

If you know of, or have worked with any of the below shortlisted candidates and can provide relevant information to help the judges in their decision making then please fill in the feedback forms.

You can read the candidate profiles by clicking on the links below and then make your nomination and give your feedback to support the panel in making their decision.

### **RMO Shortlist:**

**Bryan Bae; Thomas Clendon; Diana Fieldwick; Jamie Harvey;  
and Jonathan Lee**

### **SMO Shortlist:**

**Bronwyn Copeland; Rowan French; Marta Kroo; Kyle Perrin and Tom Thomson**

**Nominations close midnight Sunday 22 March 2020:**

[RMO New Zealand Medical Teaching Award finalist profiles](#) | Nominate [here](#)

[SMO New Zealand Medical Teaching Award finalist profiles](#) | Nominate [here](#)



## LATEST NZ MEDICAL JOURNAL

The latest NZMJ is now available [online](#). You will need your login.

There are two open access editorials now out on the SARS-CoV-2 or commonly known as COVID 19 virus see below.

**Editorial 1** [SARS-CoV-2: a novel deadly virus in a globalised world](#)

**Editorial 2** - [COVID-19: another infectious disease emerging at the animal-human interface](#)

There are a number of interesting articles not least of which is one co-authored by the Chair of NZMA's Specialist Committee Joshua Freeman. You will need to be logged in to view this article

**Population-level exposures associated with MRSA and ESBL-E. coli infection across district health boards in Aotearoa New Zealand: an ecological study**

*Matthew R Blakiston, Joshua T Freeman*

Below are instructions to login to the NZMJ and we will run this for the next few issues of Vital Signs .

If you have any queries please [email us](#).

*You will notice some changes with the NZMJ as we took the opportunity to refresh the Journal when we recently changed website providers.*

### NZMJ Login

If you have not already done so you will need to reset your password to login to the NZMJ (and NZMA).

1. Click [login](#) (top right of the website)
2. Click 'forgot my password' (underneath SIGN IN)
3. Reset your password by entering your email address (registered with the NZMA) and you will be sent a 'password reset'
4. Receive email with 'token' password- random letters and numbers
5. Return to NZMJ website and enter 'token' password (create password and confirm password)
6. NZMJ website homepage may load or go to NZMJ website
7. Login with your email and new password
8. Any queries [email us](#).

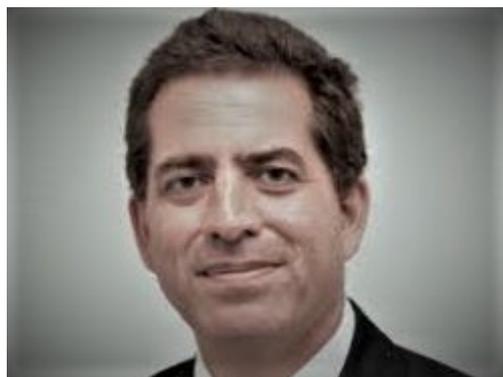
*Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.*



## **FEEDBACK TO WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

NZMA was invited by the World Medical Association to give feedback on [several working documents](#) that were circulated following the General Assembly in Tbilisi in October 2019.

NZMA is a constituent member of the WMA and is New Zealand's largest medical organisation, with more than 5,000 members from all areas of medicine.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO CURTIS WALKER AS RE-ELECTED CHAIRPERSON OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND**

NZMA congratulates Dr Curtis Walker who was re-elected as the Chairperson of the Medical Council of New Zealand.

Dr Curtis Walker (Te Whakatōhea, Ngāti Porou) was re-elected chairperson of the Medical Council of New Zealand for another 12 months and was first appointed to Council in July 2015 following the Council's election earlier that year and was subsequently re-elected in March 2018.

Dr Walker also holds the position of Kaihautu Tuarua/Deputy Chairperson Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa – Māori Medical Practitioners Association (Te ORA) and has a long standing commitment to improving Māori health and is a strong advocate for health equity.

Dr Walker currently works as a renal and general physician at MidCentral District Health Board.



## **VOCATIONAL TRAINEE WANTED TO BE PART OF THE WORK OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND**

The Medical Council of New Zealand (Council) is currently seeking to appoint a vocational trainee to join its Education Committee.

The ideal candidate will be enrolled and actively participating in a vocational training programme, have an interest in how medical education in New Zealand is provided during vocational training and will be able to contribute to ways that this can be improved.

They will be able to participate constructively in discussion regarding education matters. Ideally, they would also have an understanding of Council's role and function as a medical regulator.

Interviews for the vacancies are likely to take place in early April 2020 via videoconference.

***[Please email](#) your expression of interest to NZMA CEO Lesley Clarke.***

## Quote of the week

*Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.  
Albert Schweitzer.*

## CLASSIFIED ADS and situations vacant

*NZMA offers members free classifieds and vacancy  
advertisements.*

*Check out the 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

- [Associate GP with a view - Raumati South, Greater Wellington \(closes 31 March 2020\)](#)
- [Intensivist | Hawke's Bay \(Closes 14 March 2020\)](#)
- [Dr Dundee | Katherine Northern Territory - \(Closes 14 March 2020\)](#)
- [Specialist Physician for Older People | Northland DHB \(Closes 6 March\)](#)
- [GP Required | Te Puke \(Closes 6 March 2020\)](#)
- [Public Health Physician Dunedin | Otago \(Closes 6 March\)](#)
- [Palliative Care Physician | Auckland \(Closes 29 February 2020\)](#)
- [Respiratory Physician | Southland \(Closes 23 February\)](#)
- [Interventional Cardiologist | Queensland \(Closes 24 February 2020\)](#)
- [Specialist Otolaryngologist Nelson Marlborough area \(closes 22 February 2020\)](#)
- [General Practitioner 1/10th \(neg\) | Auckland \(Closes 21 March\)](#)

### Classifieds

- [Auckland General Practice for sale: Central suburbs](#)
- [Solo Rural GP Practice for Sale - Whangarei](#)
- [Practice for sale - Urban Auckland](#)
- [GP partnership for sale - Nelson City](#)
- [Practice 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.*



### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND GENERAL MEDICINE UPDATE 2020**

**20-22 March 2020**

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

The world of medicine is evolving more rapidly than ever before.

[Click here to learn more and register](#)



### **WONCA 2020**

**23rd Apr 2020 - 26th Apr 2020**

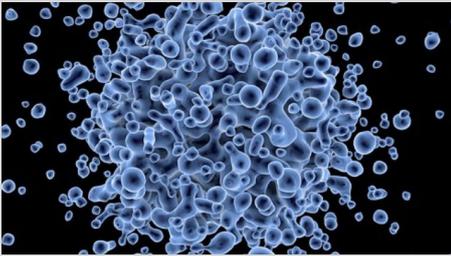
WONCA is taking place from 23 – 26 April 2020 at the Aotea Centre in Auckland. It will be hosted by the College, in conjunction with the Rural General Practice Network and Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa - Māori Medical Practitioners Association.

This major primary health care conference is expected to attract more than 1000 delegates, from New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region.

WONCA takes the place of the College's annual Conference for General Practice, and will also include the National Rural Health conference and the Te ORA Hui-ā-Tau and Scientific conference. For information, visit the conference [website](#).



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**BENEFITS**



**NZMA MEMBERS  
NO COST ADVERTISING**

NZMA offers members the opportunity to place vacancies for personnel in the NZMJ and Vital Signs free of charge.

Reach the medical professionals you want as many do week on week.



**AVIS RENT A CAR**

NZMA members can access corporate rates on car rental at locations throughout New Zealand with Avis Rent a Car. As well as discounted rates, each rental earns you points towards your choice of a wide range of rewards programmes including Fly Buys and Air New Zealand Airpoints™.

Avis Rent a Car offers a range of vehicles, from eco-friendly hybrids to premium four-wheel drives (subject to availability at time of booking). For more information, see [the flyer](#). To book, [click here](#) — the NZMA discount code is already loaded for your convenience.

**Member Advisory Service**

*Bad Debt Syndrome*

Like most diseases, bad debt syndrome is easier to prevent than cure. The NZMA has a written article for our members on the bad debt problem, how it can best be prevented and collection methods.

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 Fell](#) for copies.

- *Bad Debt Syndrome – prevention is better than debt collection.*
- *Employment Agreements for New Employees*
- *Individual Employment Agreement and Explanatory notes*
- *Casual Employment Agreement*

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