

Vital Signs

Diana, thank you for your ongoing support



Our Voice

MEDIA

NZMA Chair Dr Kate Baddock spoke with [NZ Doctor](#) on a number of [Climate Change](#) issues.

Kate and members of the GP Council were quoted in [NZ Doctor](#) on a range of issues: Strep throat testing; no substitute for skin in the game and recommending an open mind and study of Hauora Māori.

Jan White Chair of GPC also talked with NZ Doctor on the [prospect of drive through clinics and treating symptoms](#) without the holistic approach of GPs who are specialists in their field of medicine.

DIARY

NZMA Chair Dr Kate Baddock and NZMA CEO Lesley Clarke attended the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners' Conference in Dunedin.

Kate and Lesley also met with the NZNO.

The Ethics Committee met to progress the review of the NZMA Code of Ethics.

Lesley and Sanji Gunasekara, NZMA Policy Manager attended the MOH Medicinal Cannabis Information session in Wellington.



FAMILY VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH & FEBRILE COMMUNICATIONS

This month's Digest is a must read as we delve into [Family Violence](#) with Professor Dawn Elder and see through her lens a New Zealand that challenges our stats quo.

Dr Barbara Disley, and her insights into [Mental Health and Addictions Day in the Sun](#).

Dr Baddock's editorial on [Where to now with Health and Wellbeing?](#)

[Dr Ivan Robertson](#), doctor-in-training opens up the need for examining the way we communicate with patients and whānau.

[Kath McPherson](#), retiring Chief Executive of the Health Research Council, reflects on health research in New Zealand.

[HSQC](#) on the Report that calls for action on inequities in the NZ Health System.



Te Kaunihera
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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MULTI EMPLOYER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT (MECA)

Has the NZNO initiated bargaining with your practice?

If the NZNO has initiated bargaining with your practice for the renegotiation of the PHC MECA, due to expire on 31 August 2019, you have a legal obligation to take part in this process.

Appoint NZMA as your representative

You can do this by appointing NZMA as your representative in the negotiations. We need you to get behind your NZMA to avoid fragmentation at the negotiating table and have a strong and unified position for the negotiations.

If you haven't already done so, please [email us](#) your authorisation form in order for us to represent you.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH MEDICAL CANNABIS - WEBINAR

Following discussions with NZMA, the Ministry of Health kindly agreed to host a webinar for NZMA members to help ensure doctors are as fully informed as possible before making submissions on the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme.

There was good attendance at the webinar and it was captured so that those of you unable to attend any information sessions or the webinar could view it at a convenient time.

[Click here](#) to be taken to the webinar and the Ministry's site for more information.



LAST CALL FOR GPCME SOUTH 'BRING A FRIEND' OFFER TO JOIN NZMA

GPCME South is next week

There is a dynamic programme with plenary sessions aplenty alongside breakout sessions with 'take home' messages you can put to use when you are back in your practice.

GP Council members, Marcia Walker and Buzz Burrell will be attending and 'hanging

out' with Lesley Clarke at the NZMA stand - so stop by and share your thoughts with them on your important issues for General Practice. Kate Baddock and Jan White will also be there at GPCME for you to talk with.

At Friday's NZMA forum we are delighted that the Hon Dr David Clarke, Minister of Health will join us. Alongside the Minister, we have Andy Inder, from the Ministry of Health on the Ministry's workplan; Barbara Disley, CEO of Emerge Aotearoa on the Mental Health Inquiry and Sally Casswell presenting on alcohol policy. This will be followed by a panel session, chaired by Dr Kate Baddock, Chair of the NZMA and promises to be a thought-provoking session and the opportunity to ask the burning questions you have - so make sure sure you don't miss out.

Make the most of our GP CME South offer

Bring a friend to sign-up for NZMA membership at our stand #73 – you will receive a \$50 Noel Leeming voucher in recognition of your ongoing support to NZMA and your friend will go in the draw to win a Lenovo 10.1 inch tablet.



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

**CONDITIONS THAT SHOULD QUALIFY FOR EARLY
WITHDRAWAL OF KIWISAVER**

[Read](#) NZMA's submission to MBIE in which as well as discussing conditions for early withdrawal of Kiwisaver we also strongly recommends that all policy development in health, and other sectors influencing the social determinants of health, consider equity of outcomes as a critical factor in policy decisions.



**The
Commonwealth
Fund**

HARKNESS FELLOWSHIP 2020- CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

The Commonwealth Fund invites promising mid-career professionals—government policymakers, academic researchers, clinical leaders, hospital and insurance managers, and journalists— from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom—to apply for a unique opportunity to spend up to 12 months in the United States as a Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice.

Established by The Commonwealth Fund in 1925, the Harkness Fellowships were modeled

after the Rhodes Scholarships and aim to produce the next generation of health policy leaders in participating countries. Fellows are placed with mentors who are leading U.S. experts at organizations such as Harvard University, Stanford University, Kaiser Permanente, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to study issues relevant to The Commonwealth Fund's mission to support a high performing health care system.

Juliet Rumball-Smith (2016-17 Fellow) Chief Clinical Advisor New Zealand Ministry of Health

It was an exceptional year, and one that has been critically influential for me, both personally and professionally. The fellowship introduced me to leading thinkers, researchers, policy-makers, and innovators across the country, many of whom I continue to connect with today. I was challenged and encouraged to pursue my interests and create my own direction - the knowledge, skills, and confidence I gained have been invaluable. As a family, we loved the experience and thrived in the environment. We experienced incredible generosity from the US people, from the vice-president of a major medical center spending an hour discussing leadership and risk-sharing with me, to an invitation from our neighbours to watch the Super Bowl in their home. I cannot recommend the Harkness Fellowship highly enough, and would do it again if I could!

NZMA Nominations

We put forward a nomination to the Commonwealth Fund so if you are interested please [email NZMA](#) with your name, job title/role, organisation and email and reason for applying.

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PHARMAC

TE PĀTAKA WHAIORANGA

PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEMBERSHIP - CLINICIANS SOUGHT

Come share your professional clinical experience, expertise, and desire to deliver new medicines and devices to all New Zealanders with us.

PHARMAC is a Government agency responsible for ensuring New Zealanders have access to a wide range of affordable medicines making vital contributions to New Zealand's health outcomes.

The Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee (PTAC) is looking for several members to commence a three-year term in early 2020.

PTAC is an advisory committee to PHARMAC. It is made up of vocationally registered health practitioners with expertise in critical appraisal. PTAC's role, defined in legislation, is to provide PHARMAC's Board with objective advice on pharmaceuticals, including devices, and their benefits.

PTAC considers and makes recommendations on funding applications for pharmaceuticals and devices including proposed amendments to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. In their

advisory role to the Crown, all PTAC members are expected to undertake their duties in a manner consistent with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi.

PTAC members are appointed by the Director-General of Health, in consultation with the PHARMAC Board.

The Director General of Health is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced clinicians who are in active clinical practice and have:

- excellent critical appraisal skills
- a good general knowledge of medicine and pharmaceuticals
- a good understanding of health equity and an appreciation of the impact that funding decisions for pharmaceuticals and devices can have for achieving PHARMAC's goal of equitable access to medicines
- at least five years' experience in your vocational field
- the ability to differentiate between an individual and population health perspective on issues
- a good understanding of evidence-based medicine in clinical practice
- an understanding of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi.

For further information on the role please see the [current position description](#) and the [PTAC terms of reference](#).

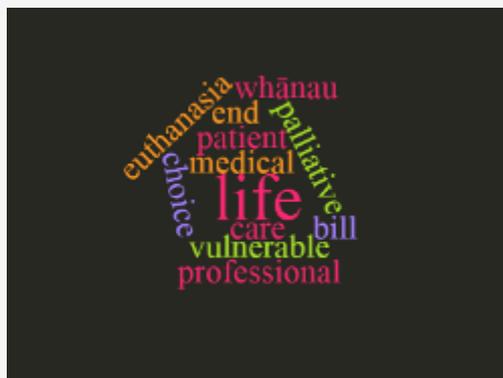
PHARMAC is a pro-equity organisation, with a particular focus on [Māori and Pacific Peoples health gain](#).

How to Apply

Please send your current CV along with a cover letter to [PTAC](#) with 'PTAC Member' and your name in the subject line.

PHARMAC wants to hear about your experience, background, and what appeals to you about this role. Please advise your availability to start. Interviews will be scheduled in the latter half of 2019; prior to December.

We will be accepting applications until the close of business 13 September 2019.



END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL & YOUR 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 - email us [here](#) with any comments you wish to make.

Quote of the week

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation
Plato

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:

- [Consultant Psychiatrist | Hawkes Bay \(Closes 30 August 2019\)](#)
- [Consultant Psychiatrist | Dunedin \(Closes 23 August 2019\)](#)
- [Specialist Cardiologist | Waikato \(Closes 17 August 2019\)](#)
- [GP Required | Invercargill \(Closes 16 August 2019\)](#)
- [Gastroenterologist | Auckland \(Closes 9 August 2019\)](#)
- [General Practitioner | Leeston \(Closes 10 August 2019\)](#)
- [GP Required | Te Puke \(Closes 10 August 2019\)](#)

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.

MAS TALKS

September 2019

MAS have invited award-winning Canadian science journalist, Alanna Mitchell, for their exclusive MAS event in September.

Alanna regularly travels from the Arctic to the Antarctic and everywhere in between. Her award-winning book *Seasick: The Global Ocean in Crisis* is now a critically acclaimed play that she'll be performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival before coming to New Zealand to share her adventures.

Book your tickets now for this exclusive MAS event and experience Alanna's powerful storytelling, where she uses science and delicate wit to share her adventures. She'll tell tales of her extraordinary journey, the demons she's discovered and inspire us to find ways to stem the effects of climate change.

There will be three events around New Zealand:

Christchurch - 10 September

Wellington - 12 September

Auckland - 13 September

Find out more on a book online through the [MAS website](#).

NZACRES 2019

15-16 August 2019, Auckland

The New Zealand Association for Clinical Research is a very important organisation supporting and promoting clinical trials and research in NZ. We all know that NZ provides high quality clinical research in both Industry-sponsored and Investigator-led trials. The support at our 2019 conference of all players in the industry, from sponsors, CROs and Sites is critical, and an endorsement of this fact.

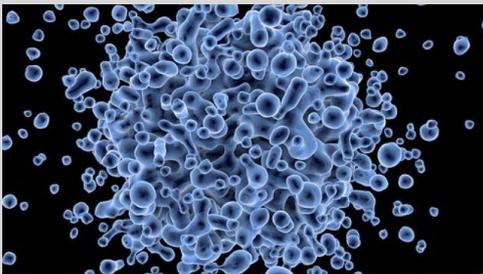
With the combined support of Pharma, Biotech, CROs and Sites, we can grow this industry and its place on the international stage, and overcome some of the obstacles that were placed in our way by policies adopted by Pharmac, twenty years ago. The Conference is a focal point for networking and enthusing those in our industry and for showcasing our presence and excellence.

Professor Richard S. Stubbs MD
FRCS FRACS - President NZACRes &
Convenor NZACRes 2019 Conference

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



MEMBER BENEFITS



NZMA MEMBERS 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.

CHERRYTREE - EXCLUSIVE FOR NZMA MEMBERS

Cherrytree is a unique shopping concept that gives members exclusive access to wholesale prices for almost every conceivable category of product.

As an NZMA member, you and your family can take advantage of receiving a \$200 gift voucher when joining, as well as a reduced annual renewal fee. Make your dollar go further.

For more information read the [flyer here](#). (Remember to mention you are a NZMA member when joining to take advantage of this offer).

NZMA Advisory Service

Employee breaks and infant feeding

A legal right for employees to access meal breaks and breaks for infant feeding is covered by the Employment Relations (Breaks and Infant Feeding) Amendment Act 2008. The legislation allows employees to take time out to express milk or breastfeed their babies. It also legislates minimum meal and rest break requirements.

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

