

Vital Signs

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Our Voice

Media

NZMA put out a media release calling the Government to account and investing in general practice which you can read [here](#). This resulted in [Newstalk Radio](#) and [Radio NZ](#) talking with Dr Jan White, Chair of the NZMA's General Practitioner Council about the growing crisis in general practice and the shortage of GPs in Northland.

NZMA Chair Kate Baddock [talked with NZ Doctor](#) on a sustainable nursing workforce

Jan also talked with NZ Doctor on COVID 19 and personal protective equipment.

Diary

NZMA CEO Lesley Clarke joined the CEO meeting with GPNZ.



2020 NZMA ELECTIONS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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 at the highest levels.

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

- All financial members of the NZMA who are registered medical practitioners are eligible to be nominated for these two positions.

Doctors-in-Training Council - four positions

- Nominees must be NZMA members who are RMOs or GP trainees, and nominated by a fellow NZMA member who is also an RMO or GP trainee.

Specialist Council - one position

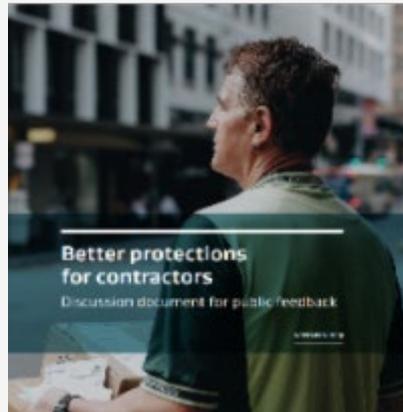
- Nominees must be NZMA members who are Specialists, and nominated by a fellow NZMA member who is also a Specialist.

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

Download the [information booklet here](#).

Find out more about your current representatives [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.



BETTER PROTECTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS

Thank you to all those that completed our survey on [better protections for contractors](#).

Survey results show that members have a range of views on whether GP contractor employment practices need to be addressed.

This range of views exists in all categories including current contractors.

We have [written to MBIE](#) asking to continue to be involved as this work progresses.



RARE DISEASE DAY 2020 - 29 FEBRUARY

There are 300,000 Kiwis with a rare condition - around 6% of the population.

Rare Disease Day NZ is on Saturday 29 February 2020 and aims to raise awareness and funding to support those with a rare illness in NZ and their whānau and improve healthcare in those with these rare conditions.

[Hear the stories](#) of the children and adults with rare diseases. More than half of the 300,000 affected are children and many will not make it into adulthood. Rare disorders impact everyone in a family, from parents giving up work to become caregivers to siblings who struggle to understand what's happening.

Rare Disorders NZ has a plan for positive change and a **Fair for Rare** campaign with strategic priorities for a National Framework that will be presented to the Government at a special Rare Disease Day event.

[Rare Disorders NZ needs](#) your help to continue its important work as funding is being steadily reduced, even though demand for services has only increased. [Hear Jame's story](#) - "Without Rare Disorders New Zealand we would have had nowhere to turn for support. Now it's time to help them." - Nicola.



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.



RESEARCH FOR LIFE - RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS NOW OPEN FOR WELLINGTON BASED RESEARCHERS

Wellington-based medical researchers are invited to apply for research and travel grants.

The closing date for Research for Life's next round of grant applications is Friday, 27 March 2020.

For further information or to arrange an interview with Associate Professor Rebecca Grainger, please contact Rob McGregor on 0292 372 676 or [email](#).

For more information go to www.researchforlife.org.nz.

Quote of the week

Keep your vitality. A life without health is like a river without water.

Maxime Lagacé

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 \(Closes 23 February\)](#)
- [Locum GP wanted | New Lynn, Auckland \(Closes 17 February\)](#)
- [Interventional Cardiologist | Queensland \(Closes 24 February 2020\)](#)
- [Specialist Otolaryngologist Nelson Marlborough area \(closes 22 February 2020\)](#)

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](#).

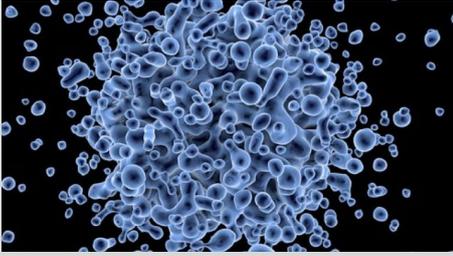
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Member Advisory Service

Are you employing new staff?

The Employment Relations Act sets out a process that an employer must follow when employing new staff. This process differs depending on whether the employer uses a collective employment agreement in their business or not, and whether the employee is a union member. The NZMA has a member resource on these processes.

Also, all employees must have a written employment agreement. If you employ staff that are not covered under the Primary Health Care Multi Employer Collective Agreement (PHC MECA) we have a generic individual employment agreement with explanatory notes and a casual individual employment agreement.

These advisory service flyers are available for NZMA members to download from our website. You must be logged in to view and/or download the following advisory service resources.

- [New Employee Checklist](#)
- [Sample employment agreements](#)

Or you can email [Robyn Fell](mailto:Robyn.Fell) for copies.

- *Employment Agreements for New Employees*
- *Individual Employment Agreement and Explanatory notes*
- *Casual Employment Agreement*



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