



## Podiatrists Board advice to Podiatrists on COVID-19

The Board recognises that health professionals including podiatrists will most likely face challenging circumstances as health services respond to COVID-19.

Your first concern will be the care of your patients. We encourage you to use your professional judgement to assess the risk to deliver safe care informed by the values and principles set out in the [Principals and Standards for the Practice of Podiatry in New Zealand \(PSPPNZ\)](#) and the [Ethical Codes and Standards of Conduct](#). The key principles which should be followed include the need to work cooperatively with colleagues to keep people safe, to practise in line with the best available evidence and to recognise and work within the limits of your competence.

We recognise that in highly challenging circumstances, you may need to depart from established procedures in order to care for patients. If concerns are raised about your decisions and actions it will always be considered, taking into account the factors relevant to the environment, resources guidelines or protocols in place at the time.

For more specific advice regarding COVID-19 please refer to the [Ministry of Health website](#). Their website is updated daily with information about the virus. This link is especially for health professionals.