

The ePodNewsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa. Greetings and welcome to the Board's latest Newsletter.

Proposed Medicines List Consultation

The Podiatrist Board applied to the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora in September 2022 to have designated prescribing rights extended to appropriately trained podiatrists. In August 2024 Cabinet agreed to pass regulations to extend designating prescribing rights to podiatrists and following Cabinet agreement, the proposed medicines list has been developed.

This Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora led consultation has been brought forward and is now open for your feedback. This is the next exciting step in the process for implementing designated prescribing rights for podiatrists and we would encourage as many of you as possible to send in submissions on the proposed medicines list, in support of ensuring comprehensive feedback is provided by the podiatry profession.

Their proposed medicines list can be accessed [here](#).

You can access the consultation page to provide your feedback [here](#) or via the link below, which will be open for 5 weeks and will close on **Friday 20 December 2024**.

<https://consult.health.govt.nz/regulatory-assurance/9146756d/>

New Board Members

On 16 September 2024, the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora appointed two new Board Members to the Podiatrists Board of New Zealand | Te Poari Tiaki Waewae o Aotearoa. We would like to welcome Bice Awan (Layperson) and Michele Garrett (Podiatrist) to the Board.

The Board were particularly impressed that they both volunteered to run/walk the Corporate 5k Challenge in Wellington the night before their first Board meeting on 14-15 November, as part of the Nursing Council "Speedy Regulators" team alongside some of the other Responsible Authorities, Board members and staff.

Current Board Members

Dr Belinda Ihaka (Chair)
Erin Beeler (Deputy Chair)
Kellie McGrath (Layperson)
Bice Awan (Layperson)
Chris Rewi-Wetini
Natalie Tanner
Heidi Barton
Michele Garrett

Annual Report

The Boards Annual Report for 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 has been presented to the Minister of Health, as required under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, and can be read on our website [here](#).

Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC)

HDC published a report (Case 20HDC01184) on 14 October 2024, which relates to the provision of podiatry services in the Northland region from 2017 until 2020 and examines whether the care provided to a patient in 2017, including the management of her podiatry care by multiple providers, was adequate.

The Board are publishing this HDC case for educational purposes and the report findings and recommendations can be read in full [here](#).

Practice Standards

There is currently a Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora led Workforce Regulatory Reform Programme underway which will include a review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act. As a result of this uncertainty, the Board has put a full review of our competency and conduct standards on hold.

However, we have added some extra useful resources to the Practice Standards found in the Principles and Standards for the Practice of Podiatry in Aotearoa New Zealand (PSPPANZ). Practice Standards are designed to provide extra guidance and information on some areas of clinical practice, such as cultural competence, infection prevention and control, informed consent, patient information and records, and professional relationships. They can all be read on our website [here](#).