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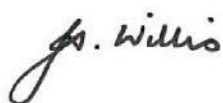
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### **Code of Ethics for the New Zealand Medical Profession**

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation *Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa* (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the above consultation. We have consulted widely with members and staff, including all colleges and sections, Nurse Practitioners and Te Runanga o Aotearoa comprising our Māori membership. We have had limited feedback but all the feedback received has indicated support for the proposed changes to the code.

In particular, NZNO welcomes the addition of the Treaty of Waitangi to the code under the Responsibilities to the Patient (recommendation 25). Our preferred reference to the document is *Te Tiriti o Waitangi* as referenced throughout the Memorandum of Understanding between the NZMA and the NZNO of 26 February 2018. We acknowledge the role of doctors to direct efforts to achieve health equity and to address health inequalities and the social determinants of health and well-being (recommendation 72).

Nāku noa, nā



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## About NZNO

NZNO is the leading professional nursing association and union for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand. NZNO represents over 52,000 nurses, midwives, students, kaimahi hauora and health workers on professional and employment related matters. NZNO is affiliated to the International Council of Nurses and the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions.

NZNO promotes and advocates for professional excellence in nursing by providing leadership, research and education to inspire and progress the profession of nursing. NZNO represents members on employment and industrial matters and negotiates collective employment agreements. NZNO embraces te Tiriti o Waitangi and contributes to the improvement of the health status and outcomes of all peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand through influencing health, employment and social policy development enabling quality nursing care provision. NZNO's vision is *Freed to care, Proud to nurse*.