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Tēnā koe

Proposal to list medical devices supplied by Johnson & Johnson (New Zealand) Limited

Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa, New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above proposal.

NZNO is the leading professional nursing association and union for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand, representing 51,000 nurses, midwives, students, kaimahi hauora and health workers on professional and employment matters. NZNO embraces Te Tiriti o Waitangi and contributes to the improvements of the health status and outcomes of all people of Aotearoa New Zealand through influencing health, employment and social policy development.

We share the intent of the Ministry of Health's definition of equity which equally applies to NZNO work across professional, industrial and members' activities.

NZNO supports PHARMAC's proposal to list 341 medical devices supplied by Johnson & Johnson in the following categories: 1) surgical suction, chest and wound drainage; and 2) endomechanical and electrosurgical products.

We endorse the agreement that this would not be for sole supply and DHBs could continue to purchase other suppliers' brands of products in these categories.

With the introduction of new equipment and products NZNO has an expectation that those using them will be offered training and support to use them appropriately.

Nāku noa nā



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