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Tēnā koe

Proposal to widen access to long-acting octreotide for pre-operative treatment in acromegaly

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

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

NZNO supports PHARMAC's proposal to widen access to long-acting octreotide for pre-operative treatment in acromegaly.

We acknowledge that while the number of individuals accessing this treatment is small, the effect that these treatments have on an individual's life and that of the family and whanau is significant.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultation process

Nāku noa nā

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