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PHARMAC

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Tēnā koe

Proposal to list laboratory equipment and consumables supplied by In Vitro Technologies NZ Pty Limited.

Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa, the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on PHARMAC's proposal to list laboratory equipment and consumables supplied by In Vitro Technologies NZ Pty Limited.

NZNO is the leading professional nursing association and union for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand, representing 55,000 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 674 laboratory equipment and consumable products, under a range of brand names.

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

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

Nāku noa nā

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