



Tōpūtanga Tapuhi
Kaitiaki o Aotearoa
NEW ZEALAND NURSES
ORGANISATION

2026 Medico-legal Forum

Navigating risk and complexity in contemporary nursing practice

Programme

Auckland and online: Wednesday 29 July

0830 - 0900	Meet and greet
0900 – 0910	Karakia & welcome
0910- 1010	Unsafe staffing: Impact on professional obligations Hilary Max, NZNO Medicolegal Lawyer
1010-1030	Paramanawa – morning tea
1030 - 1115	Elder abuse response with a nursing perspective Rebecca King, Age Concern Practice and Quality Lead
1115-1145	AI and Nursing: Friend, Foe... or Future Colleague? Carey Campbell, Clinical Director, Amalga (by McCrae Tech)
1145 - 1230	Nursing Council of New Zealand, Te Kaunihera Tapuhi o Aotearoa Code of Conduct update and recent cases Catherine Byrne, Chief Executive/Registrar & Clare Prendergast, Deputy Registrar/Senior Legal Advisor
1230- 1315	Tina - Lunchtime
1315- 1415	Substituted decision making and informed consent Erika Hendy, NZNO Medicolegal Lawyer
1415 - 1445	Ethics and advocacy Catherine Montgomery NZNO Professional Nursing Advisor and Sue Gasquoine, NZNO Nursing Policy Advisor/Researcher
1445-1500	Paramanawa – afternoon tea
1500- 1545	Health and Disability Commissioner – Te Toihau Hauātanga Processes and case studies Morag Mc Dowell, Health and Disability Commissioner
1545 - 1615	Q&A session NZNO Medicolegal Lawyers
1615	Poroporoaki