



CENNZ conference 2019 Kotahitanga Debate

“I couldn’t get into my GP”

“I was told the doctor would be waiting for me when I arrived”

“My GP said I must be seen as soon as I get to ED”

“I don’t have a GP because they aren’t taking on any new patients”

Sound familiar, do you have patients that present to ED with these comments? Don't miss this debate where our esteemed colleagues from primary healthcare and emergency departments go head to head in an epic battle of two worlds.

The motion: ***Is primary healthcare failing ED?***

Debaters are preparing to argue for and against this motion depending on which side of the fence their career landed them. The president-elect and current board member of ACEM, John Bonning will lead the supporting team disputing that primary healthcare is and has been failing Emergency Departments for a long time. On the opposing team we have Justin Butcher the General Manager for Pinnacle Midlands Health Network with his team arguing that primary healthcare is in fact more about sustainability, education, preventative medicine and keeping patients away from ED.