

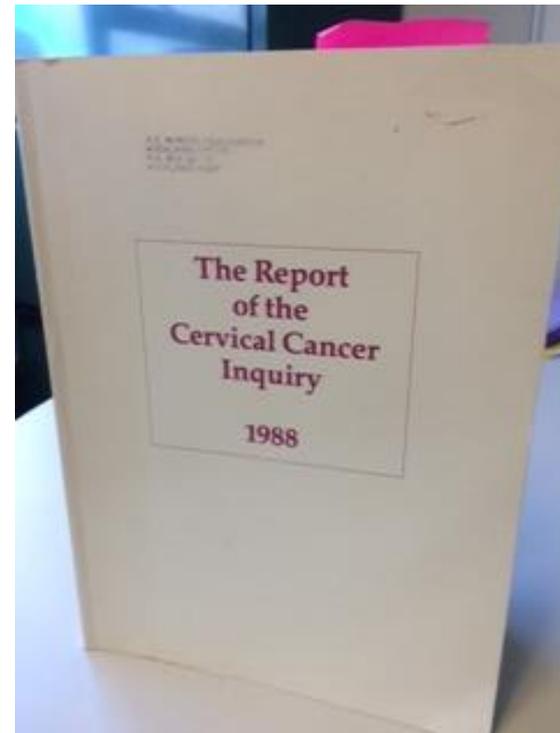
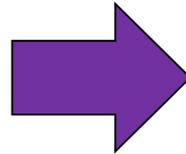
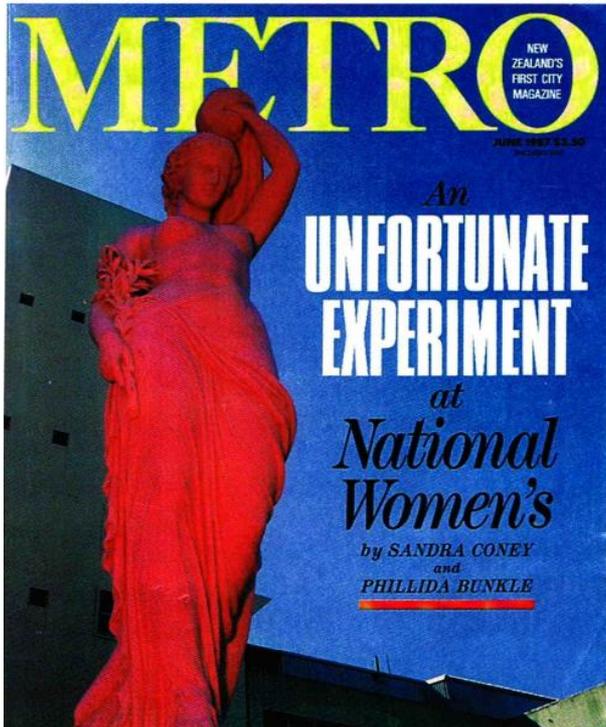
“End of life emerging issues – what this means in nursing practice”

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Community action changing healthcare delivery – informed consent – creation of the H&DC



Aiding suicide

A trial is to be held for Lower Hutt woman Susan Austen, charged with aiding a suicide

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Susan Austen outside the Wellington District Court.

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She also faces two charges of importing the narcotic sedative pentobarbitone.



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Supporters of Susan Dale Austen were outside court for every appearance.

Treadwell was a Wellington woman who supported Voluntary Euthanasia Society President Maryan Street's petition in support of assisted dying.

Assisted dying debate

- Pro
- **Want laws** to enable HP to be able to assist dying
- Against
- Want **no law** change to enable HP to be able to assist dying

NZNO position paper

- Complex issues
- NZNO wants any law to protect nurses.
- Most response from members on any consultation
- Many members agreed
- Many members disagreed

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**Palliative Care Nurses
New Zealand Society Inc.
(PCNNZ)**

Position statement on euthanasia and assisted dying

September 2012

This position statement outlines the Palliative Care Nurses New Zealand (PCNNZ) position on euthanasia and assisted dying. Information regarding the establishment and purpose of PCNNZ can be found on our web page: www.pcnnz.co.nz

Statement

PCNNZ, as a professional nursing group, believes assisted dying in any form is incongruent with the underlying ethos and practice of palliative care and nursing.

PCNNZ advocate that:

- Palliative care should be routinely available to all who need it, and Government should prioritise and ensure that public funding is made available to increase the availability of palliative care, whether provided by hospital, at home (by the primary health care team), in residential aged care facilities or hospices.
- All patients should be made aware of the options for hospice and palliative care, and should be offered individual assessment of their needs to ensure that appropriate palliative care is being provided.
- PCNNZ supports the position of the Australia & New Zealand Society of Palliative

Care of the tūpāpaku

TE AO MĀORI / SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Whānau say their cultural needs are not met when Māori die

The Māori Affairs Select Committee has heard submissions on its inquiry into the access to and management of tūpāpaku, the Māori word for the dead.

When Keelan Ransfield's colleague died on a Friday afternoon last November, he said she was taken to a funeral parlour in Levin.

He said she was left alone for the whole weekend, and police said no whānau were allowed to see or touch her until an autopsy was done on Monday.

"For two days and nights her son-in-law Himiona sat outside the funeral parlour," he said.

In Māori culture, someone must always stay with the tūpāpaku.

"We all understand that an autopsy needs to be done so we all know why the person died. What we want to know is does the immediate family have any other options?"



Rūnanga kaiwhakahaere Kerri Nuku said that there was inconsistency in cultural competency in the health sector, and it was impacting Māori staff too.

"While nursing and doctors have a duty of care, manaakitanga, not always are we allowed to execute that because of the system and the structure that we work under," she said.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/te-manu-korihi/328536/whanau-say-their-cultural-needs-are-not-met-when-Māori-die>

Public campaign - Legalising medicinal cannabis

POLITICS / HEALTH

Mother calls for MPs' empathy on medicinal cannabis

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Rose Renton sparked a nationwide debate after she fought for her 19-year-old son, Alex, to become the first person to get approval to use medicinal cannabis.

Grandparents campaign for medicinal cannabis at Auckland J-Day

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Pearl Schomburg, 64, wants to educate the young and the old about the medicinal use of cannabis at the J-Day event in Albert Park.

POLITICS

Medicinal cannabis petition to Parliament - Part 1

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The mother of a teenager who was given special approval to use medicinal cannabis is petitioning Parliament to change the law and allow access to quality, affordable cannabis in New Zealand for medical use.

Great-grandmother battles Ministry of Health over medicinal cannabis products

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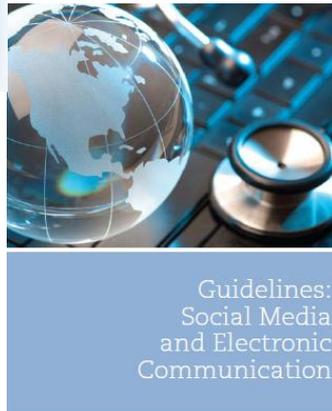
POSITION STATEMENT

Position statement: Medical Marijuana, 2016

Purpose

The purpose of this position statement is to summarise current research on medical marijuana. In this position statement, the term medical marijuana refers to prepared extracts or otherwise controlled, manufactured medicinal product, rather than to whole plant or unmanufactured product, referred to here as cannabis. It seeks to inform members in the light of considerable public debate, and several high profile cases in New Zealand of individuals seeking to use medical marijuana. At present medical marijuana is a restricted drug only used in exceptional circumstances, and with very high regulatory threshold for use, but there has been a significant shift in global opinion and regulation. New Zealand nurses therefore must know and understand the medical use of marijuana just as they do with any medication or treatment.

Rules



HDC HEALTH & DISABILITY COMMISSIONER
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**Code of
Health
and
Disability
Services
Consumers'
Rights**

Only exception in NCNZ code of conduct – but does not cover assisted dying

- 1.9 You have the right not to be involved in care (**reproductive health services**) to which you object on grounds of conscience under section 174 of the Act. You must inform the health consumer that they can obtain the service from another health practitioner.

What are the risks?



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"We've considered every potential risk except
the risks of avoiding all risks."



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Could we do better?

- Increasing education and awareness of the public
- Breakdown policy and funding barriers
- Increase the use of Enrolled Nurses
- Available education for nurses that is fully funded and accessible

MOH - Palliative care

‘Palliative care’ is care for a person of any age who has a life-limiting illness.

Palliative care involves supporting and helping the person to live as comfortably and fully as possible.

A 'life-limiting illness' is one that cannot be cured and may at some time result in the person dying (whether that is years, months, weeks or days away).

Palliative care involves providing assistance at all stages of the life-limiting illness.

Palliative care is provided in the community, in hospices and in hospitals.

It can be provided by all health care professionals, including GPs and district nurses – supported where necessary by specialist palliative care services.

Hospices are the main providers of specialist palliative care services for people living in the community.

Palliative care review

- Palliative care review commenced in 2015 and released March 2017.
- Action plan released by MOH March 2017
- Te Ara Whakapiri
- Tool kit

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The New Zealand Herald

Palliative carers for patients at home

7:04 AM Tuesday Oct 6, 2015

Palliative patients who may be in their last few weeks of life will soon be offered trained caregivers to support them at their own home throughout the night.

Fred Wheeler, charge-nurse manager for Wairarapa District Health Board's community-based services, said families who are carers for loved ones through day and night can feel exhausted.

"Carer fatigue can be a significant issue for families in the last few weeks of a patient's life," Mr Wheeler said.

"They have chosen to care for their loved one at home, or they feel they need to stay with them in an aged residential care facility to support the staff who are caring for them as well as all the other residents there.

"This is both physically and emotionally draining for the family and up to now there has been no provision for help in this area."

Hospice Wairarapa and the DHB recognise this and are setting up a night-respite care initiative, starting this month. The hospice will fund a three-month trial and the DHB will provide healthcare assistants trained in palliative care or, in some circumstances, a registered nurse.

"The healthcare assistants are part of the DHB's palliative-care team and may already care for some of these patients during the day.

"They will be with the patient throughout the night with back-up from the registered palliative care nurse on call, the GP and the ambulance service for any emergencies," Mr Wheeler said.

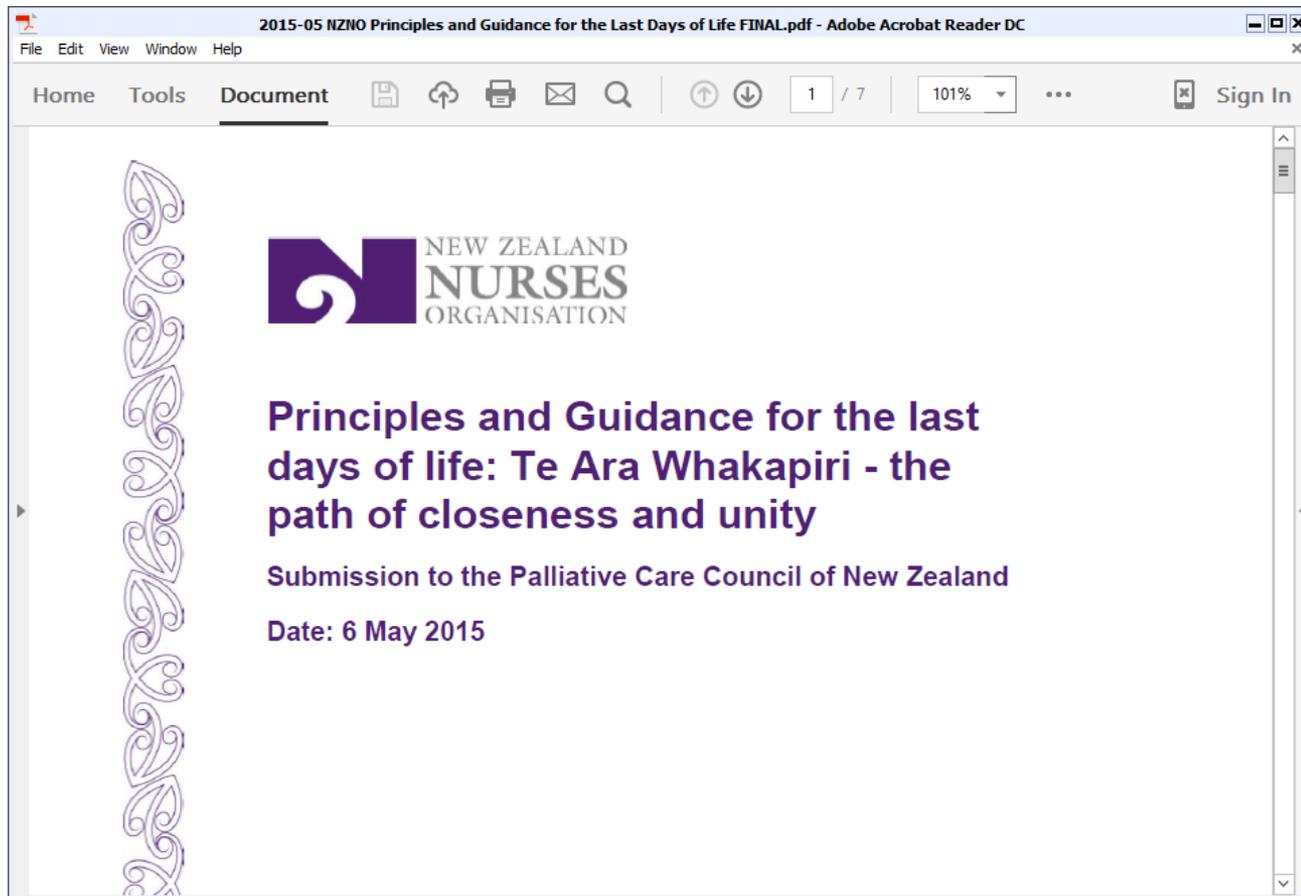
"It will give family and friends relief and a good night's sleep knowing that trained staff are there. It should make it easier for them to better care for their loved one during the day."

DHB nursing director Michele Halford welcomed the initiative.



TAKING CARE: A new service providing night care for palliative patients has been taken on by the DHB in partnership with Hospice Wairarapa. Mary Norman, palliative nurse (left), Marianne Harlen, healthcare support worker, Fred Wheeler, charge-nurse manager, Chris Harwood, healthcare support worker, Marilyn Pedersen, healthcare support worker, Carol Hinton, clinical nurse specialist, Cathy Coffey, clerical co-ordinator, Trudy Lamb, home-support co-ordinator, and Suzie Adamson, Hospice Wairarapa general manager. PHOTO/ LYNDA FERINGA

NZNO endorsement



Enablers

- Nursing knowledge
- Scopes of practice – NP/RN/EN
- Core aspects of the essence of nursing practice
- Partnership approaches

End of life issues to consider

- Standards
- Expectations
- Complexity
- Emotion
- Policy
- Funding
- Health literacy
- Family whānau abilities and participation

Context and community

