



## Report of the NZ IBD Nurses Committee as sub-committee to NZgNC

### Committee:

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### EDUCATION:

#### IBD Nurses Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Copthorne Hotel, Wellington

- The inaugural NZ IBD Nurses meeting took place at the Rydges Hotel in Christchurch on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This was a great success with 14 nurses attending and evaluation forms completed to provide feedback was affirmative.
- Owing to the prior lack of IBD specific nursing education in NZ the committee have been working very hard to secure funding to hold an annual meeting and are pressing forward with plans for this to occur on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Copthorne Hotel, Wellington.
- The committee has applied for the educational grant via NZgNC and are grateful for their support with this endeavour. In addition, the committee has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of education grant applications from Janssen, Pharmaco and AbbVie pharmaceuticals.
- An email has recently been sent to the NZ IBD Nursing group membership inviting them to confirm their attendance to this meeting with a plan to arranging flights.

#### GENCA IBD Nurses Foundation School 2021

- Carly Bramley continues to link with the IBDNA Educational group whom organise and run the IBD Nurse Foundation School. Carly has written a report on the School (published in the most recent TUBE Nov 2021).
- Please look out for further details of how to avail of this educational opportunity (application likely to open in early 2022).

### NATIONAL IBD NURSING AUDIT:

#### Survey results of the audit for NZ & OZ – In press with GENCA Journal Dec 2021

- The full results of the IBD Nursing audit which included data from New Zealand & Australia has being

written up and is in press (GENCA Journal – Dec 2021)

#### **NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**

##### **#wecantwait campaign with CCNZ**

- Many will remember that a petition with 30,000 signatures was submitted to parliament as part of this campaign in Dec 2021.
- CCNZ was approached and requested to be part of a Petition Committee meeting (zoom), on 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2021. This meeting was attended by Richard Stein (chair of CCNZ), Prof Richard Gearry, Marian O'Connor (NZIBDNG & NZgNC representative) and Zoe Raos (NZSG President). The group were allocated a meeting time of 10 minutes to highlight the campaign and the reality of our patients living with Crohn's and colitis when the current available biologic therapies (Anti-TNF) cease to work. Overall the sentiment was that our commitment to patient care and need for further medications was heard and we are awaiting the outcome
- Publication in JCC – the committee have highlighted the lack of funding for medications internationally with a publication in JCC (see attached for reference paper). This was also sent to Pharmac to continue the momentum of this campaign.

##### **NZ IBD NURSE KSF**

- We are also grateful to Christine Ho, Carly Bramley, Lucy Mills & Karen Murdoch whom are currently working on the review the KSF document which is due (2021). The group is also currently liaising with the relevant staff at NZNO to ensure that it is compliant with NZNO document development policy.