



New Zealand Nurse Endoscopists Association Annual Report 2025.

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The New Zealand Nurse Endoscopists Association has had a very interesting and productive year. It has only been three years since the formation of our subgroup, but it has been incredibly worthwhile. The support that members now provide one another through our quarterly Teams meetings, WhatsApp group chats, and our yearly face to face study day has been invaluable. And having reflected on our subgroup aims, we have met every single one of them this year.

While there are currently still only seven practicing NE's and one NE intern employed in NZ, we are very excited that there is another three potentially about to commence NE intern roles. The NE training working party, which consisted of three of our members, met earlier this year and have now updated training documents (available on NZNEA & EGGNZ webpages) to help guide those considering training a NE. Following submission of these updated documents to EGGNZ for publication on their website, we now also have a NE representative attending EGGNZ meetings.

Through our webpage, and I suspect thanks to our two UK Clinical Endoscopist Speakers at ASM in 2023 – Helen & Sharon, we have been contacted by Nurse/Clinical Endoscopists from the UK who are interested in working here in NZ. While it is a slightly challenging process to transfer this skill from the UK to NZ at the moment, we have been able to provide guidance and support for those interested. We are also working towards making this an easier, clearer process in the future.

We have also had enquiries from the Te Whatu Ora Safe Staffing Team and the Chief Nurse, as well as a Labour MP about training NE's, which we remain hopeful will bring further support to the role eventually.

We would like to thank NZGNC & NZNO for the financial support provided. This has supported one of our members to attend the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting in Paris this year where she presented a poster. It has also supported members to attend the NE training working group meeting, Sydney International Endoscopy Symposium, and also supported organisation of our yearly face to face meeting. While most NE's are now Nurse Practitioners with a "more accessible" education budget, those who are Clinical Nurse Specialists have extremely limited resources to attend events, maintain the expected level of knowledge and skill, and contribute to our group, so we are extremely grateful for this financial assistance.