

# Panui

Welcome to the third  
edition of NZgNC Panui!

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We hope you will enjoy this new publication to keep you in the loop with the goings on in the committee work projects, education opportunities, and news from around the country - in little snippets for you to share with your teams. Share it, print it for your tea rooms, let us know if you have anything we can include in it to share. *It's for everyone.*



## Update from the Chairperson

The committee have been working to update some of our regularly referred to documents including the Peg First Assist learning package, and the DOPs (*Directly Observed Procedures*). These should be available to you soon on our website. A big thank you to the team who have been working on these!

**NZ Gastro conference** call for abstracts will close this month, so don't miss the opportunity to share your work - whether it be in poster or presentation form, I encourage you to do this. Speak with your manager, or get in touch with the organising committee via the website if you have any questions.

Gastro conference is where we also hold our Annual General Meeting. This year we will have vacancies to join our committee to share in some of the work we do. You don't need to have prior experience on a committee to join the committee, just a passion for Gastroenterology Nursing, and a desire to learn how you can influence and support our profession and colleagues. Please get in touch if you are interested in finding out more.

This edition of the Panui is full of education opportunities which is very motivating, I encourage you to make the most of these.

The next Tube magazine is coming to your inbox in October. Again full of articles to inform your practice and keep you up to date. As well as this we feature our new 'Spotlight on a great team' - introducing you to the team at Te Matau a Maui Hawke's Bay. If you would like to nominate your team to be featured - please get in touch with us at NZGNC Secretary [secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com)

Merrilee Williams  
Your Chairperson  
NZgNC

### NZgNC Education Fund:

Don't forget you can apply to the **NZgNC Education fund** to attend conference, or to complete any educational opportunity such as courses, post graduate study.

You can be awarded up to 100% of your PG paper fee, up to \$1800 towards international conference, and up to \$800 towards national education. T&C apply. Application form on our website.

### Gastroenterology Nurse Leader's day 2023:

September 8th 2023 in Wellington, this day is open to all senior nurses, managers or leaders in gastroenterology. Registrations are open now and close end of August.

Get in fast as the numbers are capped at 70 to maximise our networking environment.

As well as our other excellent speakers, Sir Ashleigh Bloomfield is coming to share his experience in leadership with us. **Leader's day programme and Registration form.**

## IBD Corner

Kim Reynish is the new IBD Nurse Specialist at Starship Children's Hospital, having started in this newly established role earlier this year. Prior to this she was a Nurse Specialist for children with liver disease. Kim has been working within Starship hospital since 2014 and spent many years on the Medical Specialities ward. She grew up in Wellington and moved to Auckland to complete her nursing training. She enjoyed being so close to the beach so has set up home there.

Kim says she's excited to develop this new role and hopes that it will add value to the lives of Starship patients. She will be involved with education, clinics and will be the main contact person when the young people are at home. Kim is looking forward to getting to know the families affected by paediatric IBD as she particularly enjoys working with young people and hopes to promote independence in managing their health needs.

The committee would like to welcome Kim to her new role on behalf of our membership. The IBD nurse's subgroup have been involved in lobbying for a paediatric IBD nurse at Starship, so

we're super excited that the role is now a reality. We're all looking forward to meeting Kim at our upcoming IBD nurse meeting.

Working alongside Kim we are delighted to introduce Stephanie Atkinson who has been employed by the Starship Paediatric IBD team as a mental health professional. She is a nurse with specialised expertise in the area of Child and Adolescent Mental Health. This is the area where she has worked for the duration of her career and the area in which she also completed her Masters. Stephanie says she loves working with children and families and she is passionate about all things mental health! Stephanie has been at Starship in their Consult Liaison Team for just over 2 years, previously working in various community mental health roles in NZ and overseas.

Her interest in IBD came about through her work in Starship which joined up her interest in mental health with working with chronic illness. Stephanie enjoys building relationships with children and families and helping them with navigating the stressors of managing and living with chronic illness.



**Kim Reynish**

She says that it is exciting to think that the role of mental health in IBD treatment is now beginning to be recognised and acknowledged. This is such an important role with immeasurable benefits for young people with IBD. The NZgNC and IBD subgroup are ecstatic to welcome both Stephanie and Kim and we hope that this model of care will become standard practice for IBD services in New Zealand.

## Hepatology Corner:

### New Zealand Hepatology Nurses Knowledge and Skills Framework

The New Zealand Hepatology Nurses Committee is dedicated to the development of a comprehensive knowledge and skills framework, intended to serve as a reference for a broad range of nurses working with people with liver disease.

The genesis of the framework was developed from the Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA) guidelines, which were adapted to align with specific requirements of clinical practice within the emerging speciality of hepatology nursing in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

We would like to extend an invitation to our hepatology group members with an interest in contributing to the final consultation review, scheduled for the 5th of December (day before the NZ Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting).

An email will be sent to our members in the coming weeks with further details, alternatively you are welcome to contact our hepatology committee chairperson Judith McLaughlin at [Judith.McLaughlin@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Judith.McLaughlin@cdhb.health.nz)



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## Education dates



GENCA is hosting three Fundamentals of endoscope reprocessing workshops in New Zealand in 2023 with Practical Skills available. Registrations are open, register now to secure your spot.

### Details: Christchurch

**Date:** 15th September 2023

**Location:** Riccarton Park, 165 Racecourse Road, Broomfield, Christchurch

**Time:** 8.30am to 4.00pm

### What you will learn?

This is a foundation program that serves as an introduction to the reprocessing of flexible endoscopes incorporating infection control, structure and function, water filtration and workplace health and safety.

### Registrations

Via the [GENCA website](https://www.genca.org) or contact the GENCA office via [email](mailto:fundamentals@genca.org). Simply visit the GENCA calendar to book your place at: <https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/>

A limited number of practical skills assessments are available following each of the Fundamentals workshops. Please complete the [application form](#) and submit to GENCA via fax on 1300 799 439 or via email to [fundamentals@genca.org](mailto:fundamentals@genca.org).

Individual times for assessments will be sent via email once the registrations are processed.

### Opportunity for 2x CNS Enteral Feeding positions: Te Whatu Ora Waitaha - Canterbury

Would you like to progress your career and become an Enteral Feeding Clinical Nurse Specialist? Combine your endoscopy skills with this new Enteral Feeding CNS and join the Waitaha Canterbury Gastroenterology team.

This is a new opportunity is available for 2x 0.5 FTE positions in Enteral Feeding, paired with FTE in Endoscopy for each if desired. For more information contact the lovely [Gendy.bradford@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Gendy.bradford@cdhb.health.nz) or follow this link:

<https://cdhb.carecentre.net.nz/Job/Clinical-Nurse-Specialists-Enteral-Feeding-Gastroenterology-Day-Service/Christchurch/26772>



### NZIBDNG

The NZIBDNG committee are very excited for the upcoming annual IBD Nurses Education day which is planned to take place on Thursday 24th of August 2023 at Novotel, Hamilton.

There are 25 nurses registered to attend with a full day program of education and updates on the management of Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). We are very grateful for the support & sponsorship

of Pharmaco and also of NZgNC which has allowed to hold, this well needed education day for our IBD Nurses nationally

**NZNO College of Stomal Therapist Nurses conference** will be held in Auckland on Feb 28-March 1 2024- call for abstracts closes 30th September 2023.

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## NZNO Professional Forums

Facilitated by NZNO Professional Nursing Advisers

- Christchurch, 23 November 2023
- Auckland, 29 November 2023
- Wellington, 5 December 2023

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