

# The DISSECTOR



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- 8-13 NEWS** Christchurch team has plans for 2021 PNC Conference well advanced; *The Dissector* editor steps down after a decade of service; Theatre Managers & Educators Conference for Dunedin in May; *The Dissector* on-line in six international nursing research databases; Japan's plans to revolutionise healthcare; Urgent task force needed for COVID-19 health & safety at work risk.
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- 20-21 POSTER**  
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### COVER

*New graduate nurses are engrossed in an operating room workshop at Dunedin Hospital during Southern District Health Board's orientation programme.*