



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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CONFERENCE 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM IN DUNEDIN:

“We are all go for the conference on the 20-22 May 2021. The program, name and theme etc. is the same as the 2020 programme, and all facilities reinstated. So far no changes, but we’ll get the flyer etc. out by the end of the year.”

See the [December 2019 newsletter](#) on the WHC site of the NZNO website for last year’s programme.

Last day for application funding

10 February 2021, and late applications will not be considered.



WHC Education Fund

- Did you know that the Women's Health College has a small education fund of \$5,000 per annum available to assist members with ongoing professional development?
- Did you know that we never use the entire \$5000 set aside each year for members because we never get enough applications!?!?
- Do you have an education or study day, a course or conference that you think will expand your knowledge and positively enhance your care of patients and their whanau?



Apply now!

The applications are assessed quarterly at the Women's Health College Committee face-to-face meetings. While meeting dates vary, applications must be received by 1 February, 1 May, 1 July and 1 October each year.

Criteria for applications

- Members must have belonged to the Women's Health College for a minimum of 2 years at the time of their application
- A College member can only apply for funding once every 3 years, i.e. a subsequent application will only be accepted for review 3 years after the date of the previous application.
- \$400 per person is the maximum contribution
- Retrospective applications cannot be accepted
- Funding goes to the person who applied and cannot be transferred to another person
- All successful funding recipients must write a short report about what they learned on their education/conference/course, and how it has improved their practice and send it to the College. This report will be published in a subsequent Women's Health College newsletter.

Application forms currently available from Women's Health College Administrator, Sally Chapman at sally.chapman@nzno.org.nz

Regulatory Assurance Team – Abortion Services

The Regulatory Assurance Team Manager Rob McHawk, and Senior Analysts, Meryl Fraser and Andrea Babel from the Ministry of Health (MOH) spoke to the WHC committee about the new team of six at MOH, who have oversight and monitoring of Abortion Services (amongst other things) in NZ.

The work streams for Abortion services are:

- Stakeholder engagement and communications
- Policy, Legislation & Ministerial engagement
- Abortion services standards and regulations
- Medicines and medical devices
- Service design and implementation (models of care / pathways)
- Workforce
- Consumer information
- Data collection and reporting
- Funding and accountability

They are keen to understand from the WHC

- The key issues / concerns /risks that these changes have created for our profession?
- What plans do our organisations have to address these issues?
- What support is required from the MoH?

We also had a robust discussion about women now having access to post 20 week abortions, and the work force issues associated with this, and other brief discussions from the committee about some e.g. Nurses not being able to request Ultrasounds.

Feedback/questions/issues/concerns can all be sent directly to the Regulatory Assurance Team at MOH directly at

alr@health.govt.nz

Nurse Hysteroscopist Training

The WHC has begun the journey of developing the training standards for nurses to do hysteroscopies in New Zealand, just as it successfully did for Colposcopy. A team from the WHC is talking to Ara in Christchurch about setting up the Education Program, along with discussions with the MoH. The standards will be developed and their final sign off will come from the NZNC. **Watch this space**

Membership to College

We have 512 members to our college. Please encourage your colleagues who are members of NZNO to join. It's free and you can belong to up to three colleges/sections.

2022 Conference

At our recent meeting, we discussed the 2022 conference and where it might be held. Are there any nurses who want the conference to be held in their area, and would be happy to help the WHC to organise it?

Please contact: whcnznosec@gmail.com

Previous WHC conferences have been held in:

- Wellington,
- Blenheim,
- Auckland,
- Hamilton, and
- Christchurch.



Jill and Janice (WHC Committee members) off to Wellington, before masks became compulsory on flights because of COVID

Our wonderful Chairperson
Denise at our Wellington Meeting,
November 2020



HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS. HOPE 2021 IS A BETTER YEAR FOR ALL, FROM THE WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLEGE COMMITTEE OF NZNO!!!

