



RE: Cancellation Women's Health College Conference 21-23 May 2020

I regret to advise that we have made the difficult decision to cancel *Southern Pearls and Other Gems - The Women's Health College (WHC), NZNO Conference and Annual General meeting due to be held 21-23 May 2020.*

A significant proportion of WHC delegates and speakers are doctors, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals - many of whom have been impacted by their organisation's travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

WHC is mindful of the risks posed by large gatherings, and we have a duty of care to ensure the health and safety of all event attendees.

We are also aware that qualified clinical staff are a precious resource, and we don't wish for our event to be a contributing factor to any loss of clinical personnel from their local communities during this challenging period.

The Dunedin Local Organising Committee and WHC National Committee are looking into options for offering this exciting event, at a date yet to be advised.

Thank you to all of those who had registered and made plans to attend. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this has caused. Medical Technology Association of New Zealand (MTANZ) will follow up with you in regard to refunds.

If you have a questions about this announcement, please email [kate.weston@nzno.org.nz](mailto:kate.weston@nzno.org.nz)

Thank you for your understanding.

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