



# Models of Advocacy

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# The silence was deafening.....

- ▶ **Finding our voice** – it was reported that “Nurses who most appropriately should be the advocates for the patient, feel sufficiently intimidated by the medical staff (who do not like or fire them) that even today they fail or made on the lack of evidence of this refuse to confront openly the issues arising from the 1988’ trial.” (p172)



## Cartwright Inquiry

The facts about the Cartwright Inquiry



## FOUR WOMEN MARK MEDICAL MILESTONE





**Advocacy** is any action that speaks in favour of, recommends, argues for a **Advocacy** uses both direct and indirect actions with the intention to influence policy, resource allocation and decision making within political and social systems.



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Code of  
Ethics

NCNZ  
Nurse  
Code of  
Conduct

Whānau  
Iwi /Hapu  
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Society

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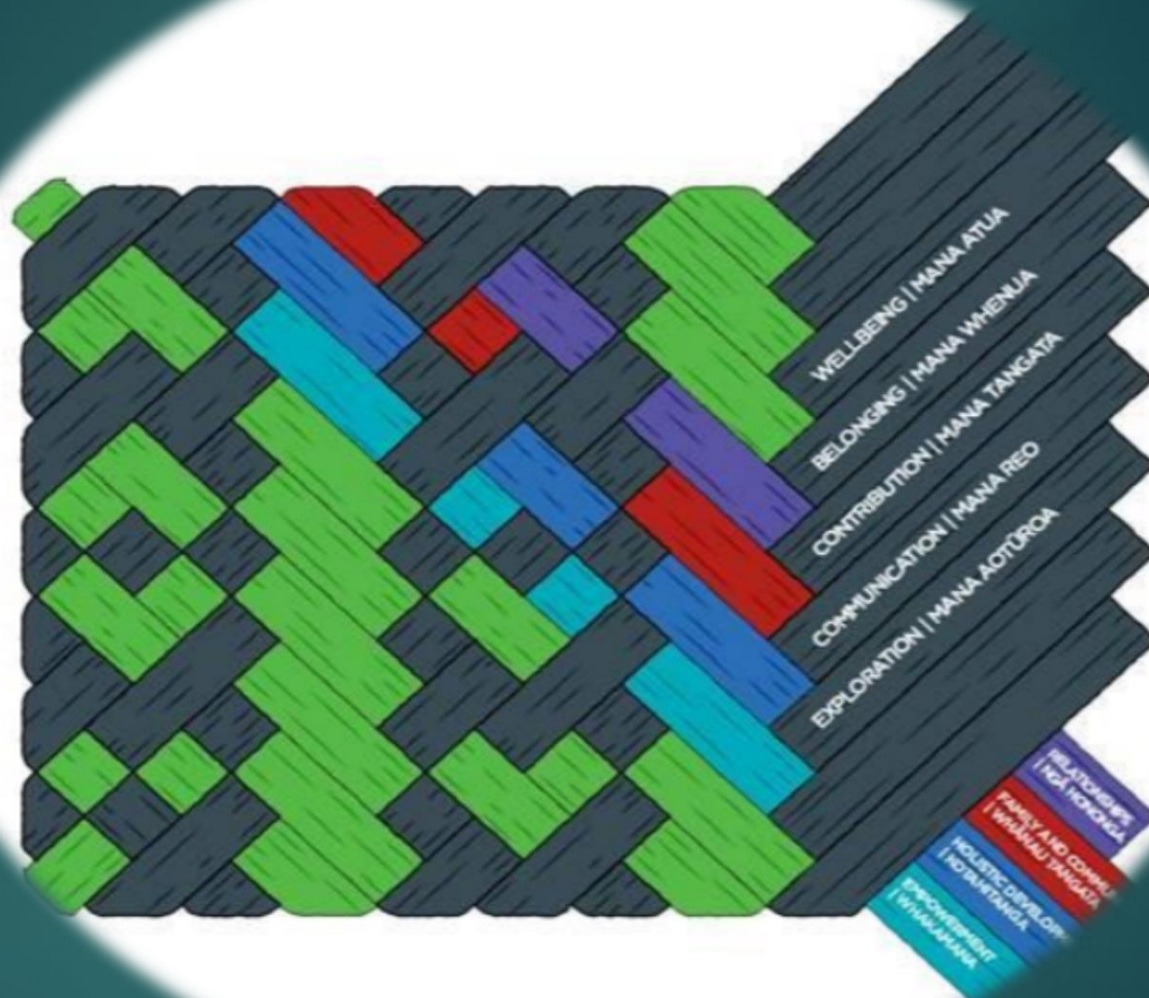
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Self Advocacy

Peer Advocacy

Volunteer Citizen advocacy

Independent/ professional advocacy

Non-instructed advocacy

Stewart & MacIntyre 2013



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**Clinical Advocacy - Ensuring the**  
**Not limited to the**  
**Voice of the Patient is Heard and**  
**Respected.**  
**bedside**



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- ▶ Issue Advocacy
  - ▶ Community and Public Health Advocacy
  - ▶ Professional Advocacy
  - ▶ Being political



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Unions & professional bodies

Friends and Whānau   Professional practice groups

# Who advocates for nurses?

Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa   Employers

International Council of Nurses  
Each other - peers



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# EMPOWERMENT



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# How far has the nursing profession come?



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# The Determinants of Pressure Group Politics

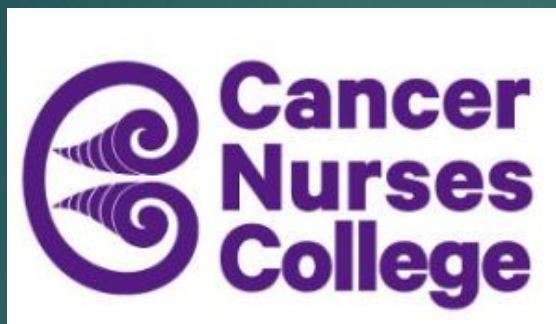
- ▶ Channels of influence
- ▶ Form
  - ▶ Principal channels and means
  - ▶ Relations between groups
- ▶ Intensity and scope
- ▶ Political effectiveness



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# NZNO Professional groups



# Share your story

## MINISTER MEETS CANCER NURSES

Minister of Health Tony Ryall attended the August meeting of the cancer nurses' section in Wellington, accompanied by Ministry cancer team member Deborah Woodley and director of Health Workforce New Zealand Brenda Wraight. The aim of the meeting was to address some of the issues facing cancer nurses across New Zealand.

Ryall expressed his appreciation to cancer nurses for their contributions to health services. It was clear he was aware how cancer nursing makes a difference, particularly in relation to waiting times for cancer treatments.

During an open discussion, nurses described the impact an aging population, new treat-



Present and past committee members gather in Wellington to discuss their concerns with Health Minister Tony Ryall. Back row from left: professional nursing adviser Anna Brinkman, Trish Clark, Catherine Smith, Jane McColin, Anne Wallis, Tony Ryall, Cathie Teague and Wendy Jee. Front row: Petro Nel, chair Wendy Thomas, Lorraine Hamnerley, Noelle Farrell and Angela Kow.

cancer nurses developing expanded roles and the educational requirements required to fulfil these positions.

The section has lobbied for many years to have cancer nurses (oncology and haematology nurses) identified as a specific group when

district health board accountability back to the Ministry for money allocated to support specific changes in practice. They questioned how the Ministry ensured allotted budgets reached the right services. The public funding of Herceptin, for example, had a flow on effect

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## NZNO seeks nurse-led hysteroscopies

THE WOMEN'S Health College (WHC) is supporting nurses to train to perform hysteroscopies – an examination of the uterus when there is abnormal bleeding. The procedure is currently carried out in New Zealand by doctors.

College chair Denise Braid said having nurses involved would allow faster tracking of endometrial cancers, particularly in post-menopausal women, where time was of the essence. "Post-menopausal bleeding



Denise Braid



Jill Lamb

hysteroscopy services around the country, as nurses tended to be a more stable workforce than doctors, yet could also "locum" when required, she said.

This was the case with nurse-led colposcopies, which only began in 2006. There are just four nurse colposcopists in New Zealand.

Braid estimated nurse-led hysteroscopies should be up and running in the next two years. Nurse-led hysteroscopies were well-established in the United

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## EXPANDED ROLES FOR CANCER NURSES



Cancer nurses' section committee chair Wendy Thomas

Over the past year, cancer nurses throughout New Zealand have been involved in contributing to the *Cranleigh Health Report* on new models of oncology care. Challenges raised by the committee were

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Cancer nurses work in a wide variety of areas including medical oncology, haematology, radiation oncology, clinical trials, palliative care, primary care and hospice care. They also work in a range of settings, from remote rural settings to large tertiary and academic settings. Effective team work is essential for enhancing quality and patient safety in health care. Respect, trust and open communication between professional groups is important for the team to function effectively and to provide quality care for patients. Staff at all levels need to feel safe "to voice their concerns".

differently.

Over the past year, the cancer nurses section (CNS) has been involved in a wide range of activities. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between our section and the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, providing a platform for improved collaboration between the two countries.

Over the last 12 months, the CNS has supported submissions on palliative care and to the health professional group MelNet which is seeking the regulation of sunbeds. Ultra violet radiation from tanning beds has been shown to be carcinogenic.



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- ▶ Nurses advocate on a local, regional, national and global scale.
  - ▶ Nurses advocate for a variety of reasons and causes.
  - ▶ Have a plan to get to your goal.
  - ▶ Be open with the intentions and celebrate the wins along the way.



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