

## Council of Medical Colleges welcomes Tauria Māori cultural safety report

The Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) welcomes the report from the New Zealand Medical Students Association and Te Oranga on Cultural Safety for Tauria Māori on Clinical Placements.

The study gathered experiences and perspectives from Māori medical student representatives regarding racism in clinical and training environments and provided recommendations to improve cultural safety.

The report was funded by the CMC as part of ongoing work to improve cultural safety training and hear directly from Māori medical student representatives on what they are experiencing on clinical placements.

CMC Chair Dr Samantha Murton says it is critical that Tauria Māori feel safe on clinical placements and training colleges are committed to making that happen.

“We know that medical training colleges have made progress in cultural safety training with many changing their curricula to support clinicians to provide a culturally safe environment for their patients and colleagues. Cultural safety requires reflection on our own culture and how that influences all our interactions.

“We still have work to do but these reports are important to understand where we need to be looking next to improve training and processes.

“Culturally safe care is clinically safe care. We know that when patients feel safe, they will stay engaged with the health system and we know when Tauria Māori feel safe at their workplace they are more likely to stay in the workforce.

“Tauria Māori bring skills to clinical teams that are important to the delivery of healthcare such as giving culturally appropriate care to patients and patients whānau.

“We thank the Māori student representatives for giving us their time to share and provide ideas for further change.

“The CMC is committed to promoting and supporting the embedding of cultural safety training across Aotearoa’s health system,” Dr Murton said.

The CMC will now work with colleges on advancing the recommendations of the report.

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