



Aotearoa College of Diabetes Nurses (NZNO) Chairperson Report 2023-2024

The Aotearoa College of Diabetes Nurses has had a successful year with continuing core business, as well as progression of projects. Our membership at of February 2024 was 411 members.

Committee:

Chairperson - Amanda de Hoop, Nurse Practitioner, Midcentral

Vice-Chair & Accreditation Coordinator - Solita Donnelly, Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Thames Coromandel

Secretary - Vicki McKay, Nurse Practitioner, Northland

Treasurer - Nana Tweneboah-Mensah, Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Auckland

Newsletter Coordinator - Harpreet Kaur, Nurse Practitioner, Auckland

Membership & Grants Coordinator - Michelle Williamson, Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Whanganui

Study Day Convener - Belinda Gordge, Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Canterbury

Committee Member - Liz Lewis-Hills (Ngati Whātua & Ngāpuhi), Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Waikato

Professional Nursing Advisor NZNO - Michelle McGrath, Dunedin

Actions:

- Annual Study Day – Facilitated 4 May 2023 in Wellington. Study day 1 May 2024 in Christchurch with 66 registered to attend.
- Annual Webinar – Facilitated 1 November 2023, with Claire Lever and Belinda Gordge presenting on New Models of Care with Continuous Glucose Monitoring. Allocated November 2024 webinar this year.
- Accreditation – Process continues for proficient & specialist diabetes nurses. Currently three proficient registered nurses, 39 specialist registered nurses, and 10 specialist nurse practitioners accredited.
- Submissions - Feedback to Minister of Health on medicines co-payment; to Nursing Council of New Zealand, Pharmac, and Ministry of Health on updating the registered nurse prescribing List; and to Pharmac on the CGM/pump proposal.
- Professional Grants – Continue to be awarded twice yearly, with eight awarded in the past 12 months.
- Diabetes Clinical Nurse Specialist Pay Scale Survey – Survey monkey developed and reported on by Solita Donnelly for Te Whatu Ora employed Diabetes CNSs, with 124 respondents. Confirmed significant disparity in remuneration for Diabetes CNSs across Aotearoa. Report submitted to NZNO leadership team for progression.
- NZSSD National Diabetes Workforce Document – Content submitted on diabetes nurse specialist and nurse practitioner roles within secondary care diabetes services.

Future Plans:

- Progress our findings from the diabetes nurse specialist pay scale survey.
- Develop a post-graduate study grant for Māori and Pasifika nurses with a focus or interest in diabetes care.
- Update the National Diabetes Nursing Knowledge & Skills Framework.
- Continue to propose changes to the registered nurse prescriber medicines list.
- Propose a diabetes nurse delegate to represent our membership during NZNO bargaining.

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Nurse Practitioner

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