



EOI: Paediatric Oral Health Special Interest Group

Expression of Interest (EOI) to join the **Paediatric Oral Health Special Interest Group**: a collaborative approach between the Paediatric Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) and Specialist Paediatric Dentists of New Zealand (SPDNZ)

Are you interested in improving oral health outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi in New Zealand?

Yes. We are seeking people who work in a range of disciplines, specialties, and regions within Aotearoa to promote oral health for tamariki and rangatahi collectively, especially tamariki with special needs.

Background

In 2024, Specialist Paediatric Dentists of New Zealand (SPDNZ) expressed an interest in being affiliated with PSNZ on matters relevant to child oral health. Collaborating with PSNZ to support child oral health continuing education programmes and connecting with SIGs and clinical networks is considered beneficial for service coordination, improving service pathways and health outcomes.

What is a Special Interest Group?

PSNZ Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are relatively 'informal' paediatric collaborative groups within the PSNZ structure that provide a national group of people with a shared area of interest and expertise. They provide an internal link for PSNZ members to provide feedback to advisory groups, highlight areas of disparity and inequity within national child health services, and often respond to submissions, promoting health system development in their area of interest. SIG governance is direct to the PSNZ Council.

SIGs are established by interested specialty clinicians, historically led by Paediatricians. Since 2000, nursing and allied health professionals have been part of the initiation, development, and membership.

How much time will this take?

The initial focus is on meeting together and building a community of interest. The group will initially focus on tamariki with special needs. The terms of reference are attached, which provide more details on this.

"Tamariki in Aotearoa flourish in health and wellness"

Next steps

We welcome individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds to contribute to this mahi, including those with relevant skills and knowledge who are not members of either the PSNZ or SPDNZ.

Please send expressions of interest to admin@paediatrics.org.nz. Provide a short paragraph expressing your interest, including your current role and discipline. **Applications close 4 July 2025**

You will receive a meeting request to join the first online hui (limited to 1 hour)

[Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#)