

**Mahitahi**

E hara taku toa  
I te toa takitahi,  
He toa takitini<sup>1</sup>

*Collaboration: My strength is not as an individual but as a collective*

**Expression(s) of Interest (EOI) for membership on the  
Neurology National Clinical Network Reference Group  
New Zealand Child and Youth Clinical Network Program**

The New Zealand Child and Youth Clinical Network Programme (NZCYCN) Governance Group requests Expressions of Interest (EOI) from **Paediatricians, Paediatric Neurologists and General Practitioners who work with tamariki and rangatahi in a range of health care settings in the South Island** of New Zealand with experience or interest in providing care for neurological conditions, to join the Neurology National Clinical Network Reference Group.

Please send your EOI to Clinical Network Support Administrator, Kat Kirchmann ([kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz](mailto:kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz)) by Friday 20 March, 2026.

**Introduction**

As part of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand's (PSNZ) Child and Youth Clinical Network Programme (NZCYCN), the Paediatric Neurology Clinical Network (PNCN) was established in 2017. Under the guidance of the PNCN Clinical Reference Group, national paediatric neurology guidelines and health pathways have been developed, professional development educational activities to help implement these have been provided and complementary educational resources for both health care providers and families have been published.

The goal of the PNCN is to provide best practice neurological care and enable equity of access to neurology services for all tamariki and rangatahi in Aotearoa. The Reference Group of the PNCN will lead quality improvement nationally to address the determinants and models of care required to improve outcomes for those with neurological conditions. The Reference Group has an oversight function. It reports to the NZCYCN Governance Group and is responsible for delivering an agreed annual work plan.

**Paediatric Neurology Clinical Network Reference Group**

Members of the Reference Group collectively provide diversity of experience about the delivery of neurology care within a range of settings. For example Māori, Pasifika, medical, nursing, primary care, secondary care, and tertiary care settings.

To ensure diverse representation on the RG, we are specifically seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from **Paediatricians, Paediatric Neurologists and General Practitioners who work with tamariki and rangatahi in a range of health care settings in the South Island.**

If you are interested in joining the Paediatric Neurology Clinical Network Reference Group please share your interest with us in an email, including the area that you are currently working in. This is an

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<sup>1</sup> Mauri Ora: Wisdom from the Māori World: Aslop & Kupenga. Published in 2016 Potton & Burton.

exciting opportunity to influence the coordination of whānau centred models of care. If you require further information please ask. First point of contact is [kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz](mailto:kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz).

### **New Zealand Child and Youth Clinical Network Programme (NZCYCN)**

The Paediatric Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) is contracted by Te Whatu Ora to provide the New Zealand Child and Youth Clinical Network Programme (NZCYCN). The NZCYCN Governance Group provides strategic leadership and oversight for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a range of the clinical networks.

The PSNZ is committed to achieving equity. Firstly, for Māori, as tangata whenua and partners with the Crown under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, but also for the many groups that make up Aotearoa New Zealand's diverse population.

PSNZ is committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and has imbedded its articles across all workstreams, policies and processes placing Te Tiriti o Waitangi at the core of all work, specifically addressing the following:

#### **Preamble**

- Respect existing Māori authority, strengthen relationships, and contribute to peace and good order.

#### **Article 1: Kawanatanga**

- Māori lead and contribute to the development of all work and establish the priorities it is intended to serve; and Māori agree that the work is satisfactory.

#### **Article 2: Tino rangatiratanga**

- Determine if the work more appropriately belongs in whole, or in part, to a Māori political community as an expression of rangatiratanga. If not, Māori are contributing through drafting and advising on matters of tikanga or specific Māori interest.
- Restore resources and power to Māori/hapū.

#### **Article 3: Ōritetanga**

- Consider the responsibilities, rights and capacities of Māori citizens and ensure equity of outcomes as Māori people define them.

#### **Article 4: Wairuatanga and custom**

- Support people to live as Māori and according to Māori values and customs.

The intention is to provide the health system with ready to implement strategies, quality improvement practices and models of care for whānau to access health services, knowledge for the health workforce, prevention and implementation of services to support the health system, reduce barriers and subsequently the burden of childhood disease. Linkages intersectorally to other sectors will be required.

### **Application Process**

To apply, please send an email or an attached letter with a brief summary of the skills, experience and qualifications you would bring to this role along with your CV and contact phone number. Send this to the Clinical Network Support Administrator, Kat Kirchmann ([kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz](mailto:kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz)) by Friday 20 March, 2026.

Ngā mihi nui

Prof Lynette Sadleir, Chair of the PNCN Reference Group  
Nicola Austin, Chair of NZCYCN

“Tamariki in Aotearoa flourish in health and wellness”