



## THE PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

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Attention: Gina Giannios

Dear Ms Giannios,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed scope of practice for Pain Medicine in New Zealand. I would like to reiterate the comments that the Society made back in January 2010.

We noted then that the requirements for pain medicine training were adult focussed. The proposed scope of practice does not address the provision of services to children and youth in relation to Pain Medicine. The Society recommends that specialists in Pain Medicine who intend to include children and young people in their scope of practice should be required to demonstrate evidence of additional training in paediatric medicine or paediatric training in their discipline.

We note that there are currently no formal requirements for training in Paediatric Pain Medicine, and we have brought this to the attention of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Children and youth should receive medical care from practitioners who are appropriately trained and have demonstrated competency in paediatric care at a level appropriate to their scope of practice. In other words, subspecialist services for children and youth should be provided by subspecialists who are appropriately trained in their field of paediatric medicine.

Yours sincerely,

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