

Name of Member Organisation	The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners
Year of establishment	1973
Number of physician members	5086
Total annual budget (US dollars)	\$21,010,413
Name of any other primary care organisations and relationship to your organisation	The College is a part owner of health IT company Patients First.
Population of your country	4.794 million
No of total physicians	5400
Percentage of General Practitioners among total physicians	Approximately 30% of the total doctor workforce
Do patients have to see a general practitioner to seek healthcare?	Not compulsory

What is government/Ministry of Health's support for your organisation?	The College has a contract with the New Zealand Government to deliver General Practice vocational training. We have a professional relationship with the Ministry of Health, where we share information and provide GP representation/feedback on primary care issues.
What are the compelling/demanding healthcare needs/issues in your country?	<p>Ageing, increasing population (with associated health issues)</p> <p>Large proportion of GPs intend to retire within next decade, but not enough new GPs are being trained to fill this gap. Strong reliance on overseas-trained GPs to meet patient demand.</p> <p>Health inequity for Māori and Pasifika populations, and those living in remote areas.</p> <p>Funding pressures resulting from a push to have services delivered in the community, but funding not trickling through to service providers.</p> <p>Cost remains a barrier for some patients wishing to see a GP.</p> <p>The health system is complicated by multiple, independent administration organisations (Primary Health Organisations and District Health Boards). This hampers consistency of service delivery, IT infrastructure, reporting and business efficiencies.</p>
Initiative/activities your organisation is currently working on.	<p>We advocate on behalf of our members and their patients, via submissions, representations and media engagement.</p> <p>We keep members informed of key issues and encourage general registrants to become vocationally trained as a GP.</p> <p>We continue to enhance our training programme (known as GP Education Programme, or GPEP), and we support members wishing to obtain supplementary competencies.</p> <p>We provide a framework and support for members to meet their annual practising certificate requirements.</p> <p>We assess applications from overseas-trained doctors to enable qualified candidates to join our workforce.</p>

	<p>We place value in increasing the cultural competence of our staff and our members, providing learning opportunities. We have developed a Māori Health Strategy and are in the process of developing a Health Equity (including our Pacific Health document) Strategy which we hope will help us address some of the issues identified above. We set and monitor quality standards for General Practitioner practises. In New Zealand we also have a major focus on our Rural community, we have developed and implemented a Rural focused strategy which is led by our Division of Rural Hospital Medicine.</p>
<p>Achievement/successes your organisation has made since the last Council meeting.</p>	<p>Have advocated for more GP training funding. We are simplifying our quality accreditation programme for General Practices.</p>
<p>Difficulties/problems your organisation is facing.</p>	<p>Organisational changes amongst the College and the Ministry of Health has resulted in the loss of institutional knowledge. IT infrastructure within the College needs ongoing and increased investment. Need to stabilise and increase funding streams.</p>
<p>Any other matters</p>	
<p>Permission to publish on web?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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