

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou katoa

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well and you are enjoying the natural energy rise that comes with the approach of Spring.

We are now almost two months into our work under the new Health System Structure and essentially Board function continues unchanged. We await, as I am sure you do also, to see how the new structure will affect registered Health care practitioners (such as Chiropractors) in private practice and whether there will be greater access than previously for the public to our services.

Certainly, the holistic aspects of Chiropractic care integrate seamlessly with the traditional model of Māori Health care as expounded in the Te Whare Tapa Whā model and in this the profession would seem to have a role in providing services to Te Aka Whai Ora. Potentially this collaboration could have a massively positive outcome for the public of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Te Whare Tapa Whā

Taha Wairua	Lifting the Spirit
Taha Hinengaroa	Focusing the Mind
Taha Tinana	Strengthening the Body
Taha Whānau	Enduring relationships



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Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA)

Board Membership: Emeritus Professor Stefan Pallister

The Board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate past Chiropractic Board member, Emeritus Professor Stefan Pallister on his recent Honorary Fellowship with the CCEA.

Emeritus Professor Pallister has been involved in chiropractic accreditation for over 40 years, the board would like to acknowledge his personal achievements and the huge contribution he has made to the chiropractic profession both here in Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas.

CCEA Digest

The latest CCEA Digest is available for [download here](#). The Digest outlines activity from the most recent CCEA meetings.

HPDT Decision

The Summary of the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal decision on the disciplinary charges laid against Dr Matthew Richard Cochrane is available [here](#).

Long Covid

The Ministry of Health has established a long COVID programme with the goal of disseminating emerging models of care, clinical practice, patient self-management and digital enablement to support patients with long COVID-19.

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected certain populations and exacerbated inequities, and the burden of long COVID is likely to continue this trend. In New Zealand, Māori and Pacific people make up a high proportion of COVID-19 cases, so it is possible that long COVID is a condition that will burden these groups.

Please follow this [long COVID link](#) for more information on the work the Ministry of Health are doing to support the development of the long COVID rehabilitation and service delivery guidelines within Aotearoa New Zealand.

Australia & New Zealand Allied Health Summit 2022 – Agenda & Poster presentations

Allied Health NZ have advised the Summit website has been updated, and a finalised agenda and 15 PDF poster presentations are now available for download.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/leadership-ministry/allied-health/australia-and-new-zealand-allied-health-summit-2022>

ACC – Work Should Not Hurt Programme

ACC have introduced a new programme targeting sprains and strains in tradespeople

Injuries in the construction industry are rising. Sprains and strains are the industry's most common injury—in 2020, ACC accepted 17,871 soft-tissue injury claims.

ACC has partnered with Construction Health and Safety New Zealand (CHASNZ) to launch the [Work Should Not Hurt](#) programme and reduce injuries in construction workers. Part of ACC's \$3.9million investment in CHASNZ over two years, Work Should Not Hurt aims to get tradespeople working safer and smarter and to ensure they can enjoy long, pain-free careers.

The programme offers evidence-based, industry-backed guidance customised to different trades to help workers understand their risk for injury and take practical steps to reduce it, like reducing working overhead, getting work up off the ground, and finding smarter ways of moving heavy loads.

Many tradespeople simply accept that working through back, shoulder, and knee pain comes with the territory, but these injuries are preventable.

If you identify patients who could benefit from the resources and prevent reinjury, point them to the CHASNZ website for more information: www.chasnz.org/wsnh. For any questions email wsnh@chasnz.org.

Update on the Misuse of Drugs (Classification and Presumption of Supply) Order 2022

An Order of Council was moved by the House to either classify or re-classify 49 substances under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 on 5 May 2022.

More details on the changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 and Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977 can be accessed at:

- [Misuse of Drugs \(Classification and Presumption of Supply\) Order 2022](#)
- [Misuse of Drugs \(Fentanyl and Tramadol\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#)

If you have any questions, please email RPA.Legislation@health.govt.nz

World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC)

Press Release

WFC participates as co-signatory to rehabilitation statements at 75th world health assembly

Toronto, June 1, 2022. The World Federation of Chiropractic has been a non-state actor in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1997.

As a co-signatory to a series of three statements made by non-state actors at the 75th World Health Assembly, held May 23-27, 2022, in Geneva, the WFC supported a call to Member States to integrate rehabilitation at all levels of the health system, including primary care, hospitals and community-based services. It further called for rehabilitation to be leveraged on to the World Health Assembly agenda with a view to providing the political framework for stronger commitments and wider coverage.

The statements called to incorporate rehabilitation in all health emergency responses, at all levels of care, ensuring that professionals are equipped to meet early rehabilitation needs in all health emergency responses, at all levels of care.

Finally, the statements highlighted the importance of rehabilitation during pandemics to meet the needs of those needing access to it, using all means, including telerehabilitation.

WHO defines rehabilitation as a set of interventions designed to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals with health conditions in their interactions with their environment.

The WFC is a founding member of the Global Rehabilitation Alliance and actively participates in discussions relating to rehabilitation at WHO. It is committed to promoting rehabilitation and considers it to be an essential component of the provision of services by chiropractors.

WFC – Quarterly World Report

The third quarter issue of the WFC's Quarterly World Report is out. This July issue of the QWR can be accessed online at www.bit.ly/QWR2022C.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)

Even as many of the pandemic-related challenges remain, the field of professional licensure and certification persists in finding creative solutions to continue protecting the public via fair and valid assessments. *Abstracts and Updates* has a special focus on automatic item generation (AIG), and *Legal Beat* discusses the legal intersection of disability accommodations and limited examination attempts. In addition, a summary of the results of recent CLEAR Quick Polls.

This issue also features an article that summarizes approaches to AIG, describes potential benefits of using AIG as well as critiques of the method, lays out recommendations for organizations that are considering using AIG for item development, and suggests directions for future research on AIG.

The current issue of CLEAR Exam Review, Volume XXXII, number 1 is available [here](#).