

# A Medical Council of NZ statements and guidelines

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## Definitions

- *Practice of medicine*, August 2004
- *Fitness to practice*, August 2004
- *Clinical practice and non-clinical practice*, August 2004

## Administrative practice

- *Statement of safe practice in an environment of resource limitation*, October 2005
- *Responsibilities of doctors in management and governance*, June 2001 (revised in September 2004 for HPCA Act)
- *Statement on employment of doctors and the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003*, March 2005
- *Non-treating doctors performing medical assessments of patients for third parties*, June 2003

## General subjects

- *Disclosure of harm*, October 2004
- *Responsibilities in any relations between doctors and health related commercial organisations*, December 2003
- *The doctor's duty to help in a medical emergency*, August 2006
- *Medical certification*, December 2007
- *The maintenance and retention of patient records*, October 2005
- *Statement on use of the internet and electronic communication*, June 2006
- *Statement on complementary and alternative medicine*, March 2005
- *Confidentiality and the public safety*, April 2002
- *Information and consent*, April 2002
- *Legislative requirements about patient rights and consent*, February 2006
- *Improper prescribing practice with respect to addictive drugs*, June 2001
- *The use of drugs and doping in sport*, December 2000
- *Fitness for registration – statement for medical students*, June 2004
- *Ending a doctor-patient relationship*, March 2004
- *When another person is present during a consultation*, March 2004 (replaces the chaperone statement of June 1993)
- *Statement on cosmetic procedures* (October 2007)

## Health

- *HRANZ Joint guidelines for registered health care workers on transmissible major viral infections*, November 2005
- *Statement on providing care to yourself and those close to you*, August 2007

## Cultural competence

- *Statement on cultural competence*, August 2006
- *Statement on best practices when providing care to Māori patients and their whānau*, August 2006

## Other Council publications

The following may also provide useful guidance and advice and are available from the Council's office. Some are also available on the Council's website [www.mcnz.org.nz](http://www.mcnz.org.nz)

- *Continuing professional development and recertification*, Updated October 2005
  - *Doctor's health*, a guide to how the Council manages doctors with health conditions, December 2004
  - *Education and supervision for interns*, a resource for new registrants and their supervisors, 2005
  - *Good medical practice*, standards for the profession, revised 2004 (currently under review).
  - *Guidance for doctors working in supervised practice and their supervisors*, August 2004
  - *Medical registration in New Zealand*, June 2005
  - *Sexual boundaries in the patient-doctor relationship*, a guide for doctors, October 2006
  - *The importance of clear sexual boundaries in the patient-doctor relationship*, a guide for patients, October 2006
  - *What you can expect. The performance assessment*, Updated November 2005
  - *You and your doctor*, guidance and advice for patients, 2002.
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