



**Te Kaunihera Rata  
o Aotearoa**

Medical Council  
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**Consultation – Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in patient care**

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to benefit patients and doctors in many aspects of medical practice, including diagnosis, treatment options, clinical documentation, and by performing tasks that improve quality, access, and efficiency.

However, AI is also a new and evolving technology. In relation to health care, it is vital that AI is used responsibly and in ways that maintain patient safety and quality of care.

*Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in patient care* outlines what Council expects when doctors use AI in patient care. As it is a new statement that Council is developing, we would value your input on our draft.

**Question 1**

Does the **‘Introduction’** adequately explain the scope and relevance of this statement?

Is there anything that should be added or clarified?

**Question 2**

***‘The scope of this statement should focus solely on the use of AI in patient care and exclude AI use in business administration’.*** Please select:

*Strongly agree – Agree – Neutral – Disagree – Strongly disagree*

**Question 3**

Is the **‘Accountability and duty of care’** section clear and practical?

Are there any changes we should make?

**Question 4**

(a) Is the section on **‘Informed consent’** clear and practical?

(b) Should all use of AI in patient care require explicit patient consent?

(c) Are there any changes we should make?

#### Question 5

- (a) Is the section on '**Patient data privacy, data security and patient safety**' clear and practical?
- (b) Does it adequately address the key risks and safeguards?
- (c) What level of knowledge, understanding and accountability regarding the privacy and data security of the AI tool is appropriate to expect of the doctor?
- (d) Are there any additional aspects that should be considered?

#### Question 6

Is the section on '**Continuing professional development**' clear and practical? Are there any changes we should make?

#### Question 7

Please provide any other comments about **Using artificial intelligence (AI) in patient care** that you would like us to consider.

### Consultation process

Your feedback is important to us. We invite you to review the draft statement and give us your views. Please use the online form provided [here](#). Alternatively, you can email your submission to **policy@mcnz.org.nz**.

The consultation closes on **Wednesday 29 October 2025**.