



General Practice Owners Association
of Aotearoa New Zealand

The mandated voice of general practice and urgent care providers.
By general practice, for general practice.

GenPro For You
July 2023 Update



Working unashamedly to support sustainability and viability on behalf of general practice and urgent care business owners - and ultimately the New Zealand population they serve.

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Message from the Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou,

I would like to begin by acknowledging my predecessor, Philip Grant, who has been the Chief Executive since the beginning of GenPro.

His leadership and system knowledge has been a major factor in the strong advocacy and positioning of GenPro. He has worked tirelessly in advocating for General Practice owners and has made a real impact.

I have been fortunate to work alongside Philip over the past few weeks as part of the transition, and his support has been incredibly valuable.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing him well for the future and thanking him for his contribution.

It is an absolute privilege for me to take on the role of Chief Executive. As a former practice manager in the early 2000's through to being the CEO of the second largest PHO in Aotearoa, I have a good grasp of the challenges facing General Practice.

The ongoing inadequacy of funding, the shifting of workload to community providers without reciprocal resources and investment, workforce shortages and the increasing demand from both patients and the government have put General Practices under unrelenting pressure. This has been compounded by the pandemic, and also natural disasters around the motu in recent years. But you already know this.

With the current MECA negotiations and shifting of the goalposts by Te Whatu Ora, the impending election, overdue review of urgent care and the need for a full funding review for General Practice, the need for independent advocacy has never been greater.

GenPro is still the only independent advocate for General Practice Owners.

To our members - thank you for your ongoing support and you can rest assured that we will continue to be a strong voice for General Practice.

To our readers who are yet to join us - we would welcome your support. As our membership grows, so does our ability to influence the sector. By joining us you will strengthen the voice of General Practice.

Ngā mihi maioha / thank you, with appreciation



Mark Liddle
Chief Executive

General Practice Funding

2023 Capitation Increase:

GenPro has provided detailed briefings to our members on 16 June 2023 and 24 June 2023 regarding the 5% capitation increase being imposed for 1 July 2023 and the 4.92% 2023 allowable fee increase.

Our detailed briefing included additional resources and legal advice to support GenPro members. If you did not receive your briefing please contact membership@genpro.org.nz.

Pay Parity Funding Update:

GenPro has provided detailed briefings to our members on 18 June 2023 and 24 June 2023 regarding the additional funding being offered by Te Whatu Ora to support moving nurses (and kaiawhina) towards pay parity.

GenPro's briefings provided members with legal advice and guidance around the proposed funding and supporting contract.

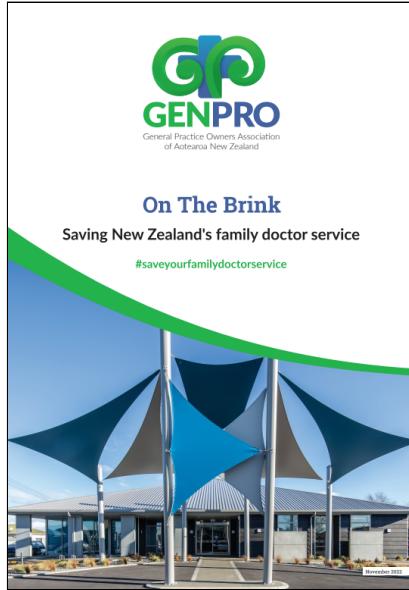
Once again, if you did not receive your briefing please contact membership@genpro.org.nz

2023 Election Manifestos

GenPro is working to actively influence the manifestos of all political parties as we approach the 2023 general election.

The ACT party's [alternative budget](#) (page 8) has already announced that it would boost general practice capitation by 13%.

As GenPro receives details regarding additional manifesto commitments of the political parties, these will be shared with members.



As part of our political advocacy, we continue to promote our [On The Brink](#) publication and nine-point plan which seeks to ensure that patients, whānau and communities are able to rely on their family doctor service in the future.

[GenPro Board Vacancies](#)

In line with GenPro's Constitution, we are now calling for nominations to stand for election to the GenPro Board.

You will have received communication around this outlining the process and timelines.

Nominations can be submitted by paid-up GenPro members (excludes MECA-only subscribers) who may nominate individual business owners, partners or perhaps a directly employed member of staff, such as a Practice Manager or CEO.

Close date for receipt of fully completed nomination and acceptance forms is **Thursday, 31 August 2023**.

Email enquiries@genpro.org.nz if you need additional information or forms.



[MECA Settlement Update](#)

Recent communications were sent to GenPro MECA subscribers providing an update on proposed terms of the MECA settlement.

Email membership@genpro.org.nz if you would like more information about becoming a GenPro MECA subscriber.

Regional Member Meetings

GenPro's regional member meetings continue and are consistently well received.

Watch your e-mail for further details of our meeting in your region.

Come and see GenPro at Conference



We enjoyed seeing everyone at the GP CME conference in Rotorua earlier in June. We look forward to seeing more of you at future conferences to answer your questions and share information about the benefits of membership.

- GPCME Christchurch 10 - 13 August.
- PMAANZ Christchurch 14 - 16 September.

Membership Updates

Just a reminder to please let us know if your ownership, contacts or any other details change. You can email membership@genpro.org.nz

This ensures that your practice continues to receive timely updates from us.

International GP Recruitment Campaign goes live

The International GP Recruitment Campaign went live on the 4 July 2023.

The link is here <https://somewheredifferent.nz/roles/gp/> - please share with your networks.

It is intended that Hauora Taiwhenua will hold the contract with Te Whatu Ora to triage GPs that come through this campaign, and will facilitate the placements into general practice (both urban and rural)

Primary and Community Model of Care for COVID-19 Guidance Documents

The guidance documents for both Primary Care and Pharmacy have been reviewed and updated to reflect this service continuation. Note there are changes to the service funding or Model of Care for this period.

You can review the document on our [website here](#)

Immunisation Update

- A MenB vaccine handout has been created for Meningococcal B immunisation and provides guidance for after vaccination as well as documentation. This handout is available now on [Dropbox](#) and will soon be available to order from HealthEd.
- The [immunise.health.nz](#) website has been updated to include search functionality and now has the ability to download an accessible versions of the [personalised childhood immunisation schedule](#)
- The Covid-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board Final Report is available on the [Te Whatu Ora website](#)



Why would you join GenPro?

- To add to GenPro's collective national voice and growing mandate and therefore its ability to make a difference
- To have a voice in national negotiations and discussions
- To have access to GenPro's exclusive range of member-only resources and briefings

GenPro's membership year commences on 1 July - now is a good time to join if you haven't already. Further information on the benefits of joining GenPro can be found [on our website](#) or by contacting membership@genpro.org.nz.

[Download the GenPro membership application](#)

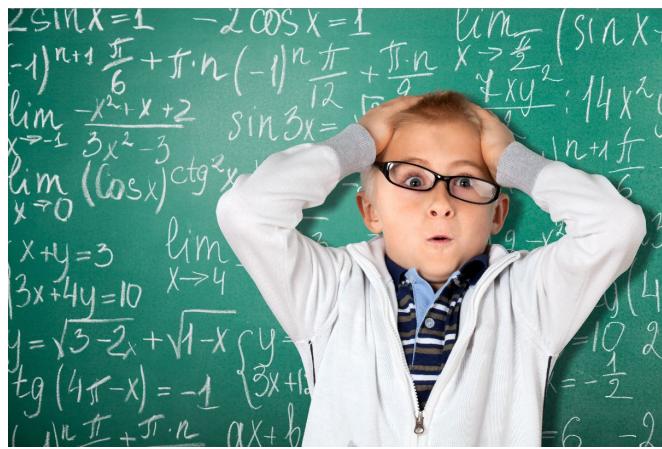


\$250 Lyric Competition Winner

Congratulations to Dr Katy Burton from Temuka Family Practice who rightly spotted that last month's lyric was from XTC's [Senses Working Overtime](#).

Well done also to Dr Alistair Bromley who was the first to respond correctly but is precluded from winning due to his Riccarton Clinic colleague being on the GenPro Board, and its chair! Sorry Alistair.

The Final Word...



I told a joke during a Zoom meeting the other day, but nobody laughed.

Turns out, I'm not even remotely funny.

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