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## Message from the chair of HiNZ-NI-SIG



*Kia ora,*

*These certainly have been interesting times. Our worlds shrunk to a bubble and then slowly expanded again and then broke altogether. We were tested personally as well as in our working lives.*

*One thing that the pandemic demonstrated is that when we need to use technology to be able to continue to deliver high quality patient care, we can. There are a number of anecdotal reports that discuss the increased use of technology by nurses in all areas of healthcare. This includes communicating with patients, families and staff inside isolation rooms via video conferencing, virtual consultations, webinars for professional development, ePrescribing, as well as a multitude of other ways we were still able to care for our patients. This demonstrated that nurses are adaptable, committed and always putting the patient at the center of what they do – whether it be face to face, or not.*

*This pandemic journey was and still is, very difficult for some, and it was a time of reflection and connection for others. A saying that I have seen on multiple platforms resonates with me, as it probably does with you – we might all be in the same storm, but we are on board different boats, trying to weather the storm. We need to continue to care for those around us as well as for our patients.*

*Don't forget to email us on [hinz.ni.sig@gmail.com](mailto:hinz.ni.sig@gmail.com) if you would like anything included in this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see.*

**Please encourage your nursing colleagues to [sign up](#) for this newsletter.** Signing up to receive the newsletter is free.

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## HiNZ-NI announcements



### ■ The Robyn Carr Cup

The awarding of the Robyn Carr Cup for Excellence in Nursing Informatics has been deferred until the next HiNZ Conference in 2021. The Robyn Carr Cup for Excellence in Nursing Informatics recognises sustained support of nursing informatics in New Zealand. It also acknowledges the central role nurses have had, and continue to have, in supporting the profession, each other and the wider interests of the health informatics community. Therefore, the next HiNZ Conference will provide the perfect opportunity for the national and peer recognition the nurse who receives this award to be highlighted.

### ■ Submissions Open for Canadian Journal of Nursing

The Canadian Journal of Nursing are looking for papers, presentations, book/web site/software/resource reviews, and other digital works related to Nursing Informatics in Practice, Education, Research and Administration. Please join us in showcasing how Nursing Informatics is being shaped in Canada and globally. The Journal is issued four times a year, with a Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall edition.

Deadlines for submissions include:

- **Winter Issue** - deadline January 31st
- **Spring Issue** - deadline April 30th
- **Summer Issue** - deadline July 31st
- **Fall Issue** - deadline October 1st

If you are interested in submitting to the CJNI, [Please send an abstract \(or your complete manuscript, video, or other files\) for consideration.](#) The Canadian Journal of Nursing welcome inventive as well as practical papers and other forms of exploration into the diverse world of Nursing Informatics!

## ■ Clinical Informatics Position Statement

New Zealand's [Clinical Informatics Leadership Network](#), which has more than 360 members nationwide, has published a [Clinical Informatics Position Statement](#) defining the role and value of clinical informaticians to the health sector.

It says clinical informaticians enable the evolution of health care by combining their clinical experience and understanding of health outcomes with their knowledge of information and technology.

**Membership of CiLN is free.** Anyone with a clinical background and an interest in data/ and or digital can apply to join by filling in [this online form](#).

## ■ HiNZ-NI-SIG discourse group as part of CiLN

The Clinical Informatics Leadership Network is a place where people working in informatics can have conversations. It is a space to share, communicate and meet. There is a Nursing space in this discourse. All current nurses in CiLN have been added to it. To join CiLN, please click [here](#).



## Upcoming events



### **eHealthNews.nz LIVE - Free lunchtime webinars!**

eHealthNews LIVE is a webinar series to keep the digital health community connected. There are significant transformations

happening in the health system in response to the pandemic. It is critically important that people are able to share ideas, knowledge and experience across the country.

#### **NEXT WEBINAR: Aged care goes digital**

**Lunchtime - 12.30pm to 1.30pm, Thursday 2nd July**

- Scott Herschberger, National Manager, Health Metrics New Zealand
- Karen Lake, Operations Clinical and Quality Manager, Ryman Healthcare
- Gillian Robinson, Director of Healthcare, Healthcare Compliance Solutions Ltd
- Swithin Foote, Head of Integration, Middleware NZ
- Facilitated by Becky George, HiNZ board chair

[Read more about webinar >>](#)



#### **Digital Health Leadership Summit 2020**

**23 + 24 + 25 November 2020**

#### **Free to Attend - Apply Now!**

In our recent post-Covid event survey, health sector leaders told HiNZ they want regional events that give them the opportunity to meet other digital health leaders face-to-face. They want an event format that could comply with covid alert levels in a responsible way, and that is low cost to attend. The innovative solution from HiNZ is the Digital Health Leadership Summit series!

**The Digital Health Leadership Summit will be repeated in three different cities:**

- **Monday 23 November 2020 – CHRISTCHURCH**
- **Wednesday 25 November 2020 – WELLINGTON**
- **Friday 27 November 2020 – AUCKLAND**

Attendance is free but you need to apply

To apply >> [please fill in this online form](#) <<



## Education and networking



### Get involved - Clinical Informatics Leadership Group (CiLN)

A group of Kiwi clinicians with a passion for technology driving changes in healthcare created a Clinical Informatics Leadership Network (CiLN) for New Zealand in early 2019. The network is supported logistically and financially by Health Informatics New Zealand. Members are from a range of health professions such as medicine, nursing, allied health, midwifery and pharmacy. It provides an online forum for members to share expertise and ideas as well as national networking events.

Membership of CiLN is free. Anyone with a clinical background and an interest in IT can apply to join by filling in [this online form](#). CiLN also has a [web page](#) where anyone can read related news and profiles of clinicians working in digital health. If you have questions, please email [Rebecca McBeth](#).

[Read more >>](#)



### University informatics courses

For anyone wanting to pursue their interest or gain qualifications in health informatics, there are a range of undergraduate and postgraduate university courses available in New Zealand.

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## About HiNZ-NI

The [HiNZ nursing informatics special interest group](#) (HiNZ-NI) supports the development of nursing informatics in New Zealand. HiNZ-NI publishes a free eNewsletter with digital health updates of relevance to nurses.

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### **What is nursing informatics?**

*Nursing Informatics science and practice integrates nursing, its information and knowledge and their management with information and communication technologies to promote the health of people, families and communities world-wide.*



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