

# Health Law

## University of Otago Intensive Course



### Course overview (with examples of topics covered)

#### Day 1 Health systems and the law

- Introduction to New Zealand's legal system
- New Zealand's Medico-Legal landscape
- The public health and disability sector - how we got here and where we are going
- New Zealand's no-fault compensation scheme
- Civil and criminal liability relating to the provision of health and disability services in New Zealand
- Health sector funding, procurements and contracting
- Compulsory assessment and treatment

#### Day 2 Health consumers and the law

- Promoting and protecting patients' rights under the Code of Rights
- Duty of care
- Informed consent
- Advance directives
- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Healthcare decision making in the absence of consent
- Healthcare decisions by and for children

#### Day 3 Health practitioners and the law

- Managing concerns about health, competence, or conduct of health practitioners
- Key principles of employment law
- Collective bargaining
- Human Rights and the health and disability Sector
- Ensuring workplace health and safety
- Preventing, managing and learning from complaints

#### Day 4 Making good decisions in the provision of healthcare

- Health information privacy
- Official Information
- Protected Quality Assurance Activities
- Prioritising in a resource constrained environment
- Complying with principles of natural justice and avoiding judicial review
- Major inquiries
- Governance in the health and disability sector

#### Day 5 Health law and ethics

- Beginning of life
- Organ donation
- Withdrawal of treatment
- End of life
- Reporting of deaths and coronial inquiries

### Health Law Intensive

The University of Otago and Vida Law are pleased to confirm that the post-graduate focused course will be held in Wellington twice in 2022 - from 4-8 April and 22-26 August 2022.

This course is designed specifically for senior clinicians, board members, chief executives, and managers working in the New Zealand health sector. Enrolment is also open to post-graduate law students and practising lawyers with an interest in the field of health law.

### What to expect

The course will consist of 5 full days of intensive teaching. Each day will include lectures, case studies, and small group work, addressing the most important legal issues and challenges faced by the health sector.

Numbers are limited to allow plenty of interaction with presenters and other participants. Participants will be expected to prepare for the course with pre-course reading.

### Who should attend?

You will benefit from this course if you are working in a senior role in the health sector. In particular, you should consider attending if you:

- Practise as a chief medical adviser, clinical director/leader or as a senior clinician in the New Zealand health sector.
- Serve as a board member, chief executive, or senior manager of a health sector organisation (including DHBs, private hospitals, and NGOs)
- Have worked as a senior clinician or manager in an overseas jurisdiction and wish to develop your knowledge of New Zealand health law
- Are undertaking vocational training with any of the Royal Australasian Colleges
- Are considering studying towards a postgraduate qualification in health law, such as a University of Otago Masters in Bioethics and Health Law.



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## Presenters

The course will be run by Iris Reuvecamp, a practising lawyer specialising in health and disability law in association with senior academics from the University of Otago Faculty of Law; including Professor Colin Gavaghan and Dr Jeanne Snelling, along with a range of guest speakers with specialist knowledge in relation to specific topic areas.



### **Iris Reuvecamp**, Principal, Vida Law

Iris Reuvecamp has specialised in health and disability law for well over a decade, both in the UK and in New Zealand. Iris has advised government departments and crown entities (including, in particular, DHBs) on a wide range of legal issues, and has worked extensively with providers of health and disability services (and their insurers) in both the public and private sector across New Zealand. Iris has worked as both in-house counsel and as an external advisor. Iris is Chair of the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology (a Ministerial Committee), acts as Lawyer for the Subject Person with respect to applications under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, and is a Deputy Lawyer Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.



### **Professor Colin Gavaghan**

Professor Colin Gavaghan is the first director of the New Zealand Law Foundation sponsored Centre for Law and Policy in Emerging Technologies. The Centre examines the legal, ethical and policy issues around new technologies. In addition to emerging technologies, Colin lectures and writes on medical and criminal law. He is a member of the Digital Council for Aotearoa New Zealand. He was an expert witness in the High Court case of Seales v Attorney General.



### **Dr Jeanne Snelling**

Dr Jeanne Snelling teaches in the field of Law and New Technologies at the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Prior to commencing a full-time position in the Faculty of Law in 2021, Jeanne held a joint position with the Faculty and the Bioethics Centre and taught Medical Law to 3rd, 4th and 5th year medical students (patient rights; consent; mental health treatment without consent; certification of cause of death and the coronial process; complaints & discipline; issues in paediatrics.)

## Venue, Dates and Cost

The venue for the course will be the Wharewaka Function Centre - Te Puni Room, Taranaki Street Wharf, Te Aro, Wellington

The course will be held from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday 4 to Friday 8 April 2022 and Monday 22 to 26 August 2022.

## Enrolment

Enrolment in this proposed course will be through the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Enrolment will be restricted to appropriately qualified and experienced participants, who hold a degree in medicine or law, or another qualification approved by the Dean of Law.

Dates	Cost
4 - 8 April 2022 22 - 26 August 2022	\$3250 + GST

## Contact us

If you would like to receive further information about the course, please contact:

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