
Kate Hippolite: Profile summary

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Kate is a House Surgeon, junior doctor, at Nelson Hospital NMDHB since 2021. During her years at Otago Medical School, Kate has undergone Kaupapa Māori research as part of Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora A Eru Pōmare. She has also worked as a Hauora Māori and interprofessional educator for the University of Otago, and a Kaihautu (student mentor) for the Māori Health Workforce Development Unit.

Kate has prior experience in leadership as Co-director Wellington Surgical Interest Group; Hekeretari of Te Oranga – Māori Medical Students' Association Aotearoa; Vice-president and Secretary Wellington Health Professional Students' Association, also involved in the peer mentoring programme for the Association, President Te Rangi Hiroa College Student Council, and leader of Knitting for the Wellington Neonatal Intensive Care Unit group. She has also been involved with the NZ Rural GP network, Te Oranga career discussions for medical students, and tutor for Te Oranga ki Whanaganui-a-Tara.

Kate aspires to be a doctor whom the Māori community can trust to support them through illness, strengthen the importance of Hauora Māori, and work to balance the health inequities in Aotearoa.

Kate's professional development includes Postgraduate Basic Medical Sciences University of Otago, 2022; Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) University of Otago, 2020;