



## PUBLIC and PRIVATE HEALTH SECTORS FORUM:

### OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR SECONDARY CARE

Fisher and Paykel Healthcare Clinical Education Centre,  
Auckland City Hospital

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#### Background:

The provision of secondary care services in New Zealand involves many complex interrelationships between the *public* and *private* health sectors. Both patients and providers are free to move between the two systems to increase their personal benefit, raising difficult questions about how the public and private sectors interact as a result of all these individual decisions. Do the two secondary care sectors support and reinforce each other? Are they completely independent? Or does one sector subsidise the other?

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum to review what is known about the interactions between the private and public provision of secondary care services so as to inform the debate regarding the opportunities and challenges for the two sectors in the future.

#### Programme:

The forum will have two parts: A morning session with presentations by representatives from government and the private sector about key issues, and an afternoon session devoted to discussing opportunities and challenges of specific policy options.

The morning session will include:

- Surgeons views of working in the public and private sectors,
- Consumers views care in public and private hospitals,
- Role of private health insurance,
- Role of private hospitals
- Government (Ministry of Health and DHB) views on the roles of the two sectors.

The afternoon session will be devoted to discussing key policy areas:

- Private hospitals co-locating with DHBs,
- Using private providers to reduce public waiting lists,
- Implications of health professionals working in both sectors, and
- Role of private financing in secondary health care.

#### Are you interested in attending?

There is a cost of \$35 (to cover catering). If you are interested, please contact Wendy Hicks on [w.hicks@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:w.hicks@auckland.ac.nz) or 9-373-7599 ext. 83933.

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