



Kia ora,

I am a nurse practitioner and Senior Lecturer at the University of Waikato. I am currently undertaking PhD research on the role of nursing practitioners within both primary and secondary services. I would like to interview both nurse practitioners and general practitioners within primary care on their thoughts on the role, differences, and similarities in terms of patient characteristics and patient conditions seen and where the future can be with nurse practitioners within a New Zealand context.

I have provided the questions that I will be asking below so you could have time to prepare and think about your answers. The interviews will be conducted via Teams platform and recorded/transcribed.

The interview should take approx. 30 minutes. No names will be documented within the PhD thesis instead NP and medical practitioner will be used.

If you can assist with this, I will set up a Teams link for a time that you are available.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I can be contacted on Sharon.macpherson@waikato.ac.nz

Any questions please ask.

The questions I will be asking are.

- Can you tell me about your role within your organisation as a nurse practitioner/medical practitioner? What types of patients conditions, age groups do you tend to see or not see within your employment?
- Can you tell me what you see are the differences and similarities of the nurse practitioner role from medical roles in terms of
 - Presenting complaint (ie) are some patients presenting complaints better for NP or Medical Practitioner? Why? Does educational background affect this?
 - Any population group which is better served by a nurse practitioner or medical practitioner.
- Patient complexity has been referred to in literature for both nurse practitioners and medical practitioners. In terms of a nurse practitioner/medical practitioner patient, what does a complex patient look like to you?
- Literature often refers to ambiguity of the nurse practitioner role due to the word "nurse". How do you believe the word 'nurse' in nurse practitioner enhances or inhibits the ability for a nurse practitioner to provide health care?
- Being a nurse practitioner/medical practitioner in New Zealand, where and what do you see the future of nurse practitioners can/could and should look like in terms of
 - Patient presentation
 - Serving unmet need
 - Impact of increasing health outcomes
 - Service delivery models – what could we do differently

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