

# Family Planning and Reproductive Health

## Thinking of Family Planning and Reproductive Health?

Family planning and reproductive health is the treatment of and provision of health services for patients in relation to contraception, reproductive health and associated primary sexual health issues.

## Overview of Family Planning and Reproductive Health

There are Family Planning clinics from Whangarei to Invercargill and many have doctor vacancies. An advantage is being able to work part time. Doctors enjoy working as part of a team alongside nurses who are expanding their practice. National protocols ensure that clinical practice is constantly up dated.

Most Family Planning doctors are women as are the majority of the clients. There are 24 doctors vocationally registered and 8 current trainees in Family Planning and Reproductive Health.

## Specialty training

On the job training is provided for all new doctors. In addition the Diploma of Sexual and Reproductive Health is the qualification for vocational registration in Family Planning and Reproductive Health.

## Duration of vocational training:

- 3 year Diploma of Sexual and Reproductive Health includes
- Theory modules with Auckland or Otago University
- Clinical placements in gynaecology, sexual health and family planning and special interest topics
- Logbook
- OSCE exam

## Specialty Training Programme Information

### Examination requirements

An OSCE exam is held annually in conjunction with the Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology OSCE

### Recognition of Prior Learning

Prior experience is considered e.g. Diploma of Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology within last 3 years

### Entry requirement and application process

- Hold current registration with the New Zealand Medical Council, and be a member of a recognised Medical Insurance Society
- Have held a medical qualification as approved by the Diploma committee for at least 24 months.

### Selection criteria

- Ability to access clinical placements in gynaecology, sexual health and family planning (may need to travel to a main centre)
- Ability to complete the diploma within 3 years
- Funding is available for 5 candidates at a time

Applications are made by emailing [Christine.roke@familyplanning.org.nz](mailto:Christine.roke@familyplanning.org.nz)

Applicants will attend an interview

## Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

### Demand for vocational Training Posts

Year	Number of applications for training year	Number of applicants for training year selected
2016	Not available	Not available
2015	Not available	Not available

### RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

(September 2016 RMO census)

## Regions

### **Northern:**

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

### **Midland:**

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

### **Central:**

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

### **South Island:**

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

## Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2016	Not available
2015	Not available

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
53	24	41

### **Number by Region** (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
2.7	4	0	0	0.4	1	0	0	3.1	5