

Polypharmacy in older people



Webinar panel debate

Friday 30 October
9.30–10.45am

Following the August 2015 update of the polypharmacy in older people domain of the Atlas of Healthcare Variation, the Health Quality & Safety Commission and the Atlas Steering Group are hosting a panel debate on the topic.

The moot will be: 'The current popular focus on reducing polypharmacy will deny older people life-prolonging medicines.'

A panel of speakers will present their views then take questions from the audience. The debate will be chaired by Dr Janice Wilson, chief executive of the Commission.

Panellists include:

- Dr Nigel Millar, chief medical officer at Canterbury DHB and geriatrician
- Prof Les Toop, professor of general practice and chair of Pegasus Health
- John Hannifin, consumer perspective
- Prof Ngaire Kerse, professor of general practice and primary health care
- Dr Stephen Child, New Zealand Medical Association chair
- *Other panellist tbc*

This webinar will be of interest to:

- health professionals with a focus on health of older people
- pharmacists
- everyone with an interest in polypharmacy, quality improvement and health of older people.

How to take part

Webinars are easy! All you need is access to a computer connected to the internet, a telephone (or the ability to hear and speak through your computer, which most computers now include as standard).

There are also spaces available to attend in person at Rydges Wellington, 75 Featherston Street.

To register to attend via webinar or teleconference, or in person, go to **hqsc-panel-debate-polypharmacy.lilregie.com**