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# Why is it so hard to be open? The pitfalls and promise of transparency in health care

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In the UK and the USA, publication of the outcomes of individual surgeons is now widespread, with variable results and huge outcry, including calls for the UK scheme in particular to be abandoned. Across the world and the medical literature, the debate about how to 'do' transparency rages on.

New Zealand has also grappled with how to be more transparent. On 10 March 2020 we bring together world leaders in thinking about transparency from New Zealand, the UK and Australia to debate the issues.

Join the discussion about the scandals, principles and history driving the transparency agenda, alongside some of the

nuances of transparency in practice - how has it been done elsewhere and how can it be done intelligently and thoughtfully in New Zealand? How do we give the public what they want while driving quality improvement and greater patient safety?

Transparency in health care affects the entire workforce, and we have seen from other jurisdictions how it drives choices, behaviours and outcomes from the boardroom to the patient bedside. This work is of the highest relevance to the general public as well as to clinicians, decision makers, policy makers, board members and CEOs.

## OUR SPEAKERS



**Mr Samer Nashef**  
Cardiac surgeon, Royal Papworth  
Hospital, Cambridge, UK

Mr Samer Nashef qualified as a doctor at the University of Bristol in 1980 and trained in general surgery in London and Exeter. His specialist training in cardiac surgery was in Glasgow, Sheffield, Manchester and Bordeaux in France. He was appointed consultant surgeon at Papworth in 1992.

Samer is active in research, with a major interest in the evaluation and monitoring of the quality of surgical treatment. In that field, he has led national and international initiatives, including the EuroSCORE Project. He is the author of two books: *The Naked Surgeon* and *The Angina Monologues*. In his spare time, he compiles cryptic crosswords for a number of publications, including *The Guardian* and *The Financial Times*.

Samer Nashef is presented in partnership with the **New Zealand Festival of the Arts** (visit [Festival.nz](http://Festival.nz))



**Dr Stephen Duckett**  
Director of the health  
programme at Grattan  
Institute, Victoria, Australia

Dr Stephen Duckett has a reputation for creativity, evidence-based innovation and reform in areas ranging from the introduction of activity-based funding for hospitals to new systems of accountability for the safety of hospital care. An economist, he is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

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**Associate Professor  
Matire Harwood**  
*Ngāpuhi*

*University of Auckland  
and Papakura Marae  
Health Clinic, New Zealand*

Professor Matire Harwood (MBChB, PhD) is a hauora Māori academic and GP dividing her time across the Department of General Practice and Primary Care at Auckland Medical School, Papakura Marae Health Clinic in South Auckland and the National Hauora Coalition PHO. In 2017 she was awarded the L'Oréal UNESCO New Zealand 'For Women in Science Fellowship' for research in indigenous health, and in 2019 she received the Health Research Council's Te Tohu Rapuora award for her research to improve Māori health.



**Dr Diane Watson**

*Chief executive, Bureau of  
Health Information (BHI),  
NSW, Australia*

Dr Diane Watson has led the establishment of three reporting agencies in Australia that use big data to drive decisions on health care provision nationally and locally.

Prior to joining BHI, Diane was the inaugural chief executive officer of the Victorian Agency for Health Information, established in 2016 to monitor and report on public and private services that stimulate quality and safety improvements, increase transparency and accountability, and inform the community. She was also the inaugural chief executive of the National Health Performance Authority, established by the Australian Government to monitor, and report on, the performance of 1,000+ public and private hospitals and 300+ health regions.

Diane was the inaugural chief executive of the Bureau of Health Information from 2009 to 2012. She has held senior management positions for more than 20 years measuring, monitoring and reporting on the performance of health care systems to drive improvements in health, patient care and productivity. During this time, she has set the future direction of high profile, board governed agencies and inspired a strong sense of purpose among a highly talented and specialised workforce.



**Dr Eva Fong**  
*Urologist in Auckland,  
New Zealand*

Dr Eva Fong is the clinical lead of urogynaecology at Waitematā District Health Board. Eva undertook an accredited fellowship in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at New York University School of Medicine from 2009 to 2011.

Eva's clinical practice includes complex urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction and pelvic organ prolapse as well as complications of mesh surgery.

Her current research interests include medium-/long-term follow-up of patients after mesh removal, qualitative research into women's experience with mesh, exploring methods to optimise mesh removal and development of credentialing assessment tools for mesh surgery.

Eva is a member of the New Zealand Ministry of Health surgical mesh Round Table working group and a member of the selection sub-committee for the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand.



**Associate Professor  
Gerry Devlin**

*Medical director, Heart  
Foundation, New Zealand*

Gerry is the current medical director of the Heart Foundation and the clinical leader of the New Zealand cardiac network. He is an Honorary Associate Professor with the University of Auckland. Having worked as a cardiologist and interventionalist for 22 years at Waikato DHB, Gerry moved at the end of 2018 to take up a new challenge as a cardiologist in Gisborne.

Gerry is an experienced general cardiologist, with a special interest in the prevention and management of coronary artery disease, hypertension and heart failure. He graduated at the Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, and moved to New Zealand in 1988.

Gerry successfully completed his Fellowship at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1995 and is also a Fellow of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. He became a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in 2012 and completed an MD thesis with the University of Auckland in 2013.

Gerry is a busy clinical researcher with over 100 publications. Research interests include acute coronary syndromes, heart failure and systems of care.



**Professor Ron Paterson**

*Professor of Law at Auckland University and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Melbourne University*

Professor Ron Paterson was New Zealand's Health and Disability Commissioner from 2000 to 2010, chair of the Banking Ombudsman Scheme from 2010 to 2013 and Parliamentary Ombudsman from 2013 to 2016.

Ron has led several major inquiries and reviews in New Zealand and Australia, in patient safety and quality, medical regulation, veterans' support, maternity care, aged care and mental health. He is the author of *The Good Doctor: What Patients Want* (2012) and co-editor of Skegg & Paterson, *Health Law in New Zealand* (2015). His research interests include complaint resolution, inquiries, health care quality and the regulation of professions.

In his writing and official roles, Ron has been a champion for candour, openness and transparency.



**Mr Andrew Connolly**

*Specialist colorectal surgeon, New Zealand*

Mr Andrew Connolly is a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to health and was chair of the Medical Council of New Zealand at the time of its seminal publication, *Better data - the benefits to the profession and the public*.



**Catherine Marshall**

*Co-chair Cochrane Governing Board and New Zealand consumer advocate*

Catherine is a health policy consultant and independent guideline adviser with a wealth of experience in consumer engagement. Catherine has worked in the health sector for more than 25 years. In her policy roles she was involved in the development of the first Code of Health and Disability Consumer's Rights, health practitioner regulation, primary care, chronic conditions management, quality improvement and innovation.

As the first chief executive of the New Zealand Guidelines Group, Catherine was involved in the development and design of NZ's first evidence-based guidelines and the establishment of the Consumer Collaboration of Aotearoa. As a consultant, she provides health evidence, knowledge translation and policy advice to government funded agencies, charities and NGOs primarily in NZ and Australia.

Catherine has held a number of volunteer community roles and directorships on international health evidence NGOs - she is currently a trustee on the Governing Board of the international Cochrane organisation (formerly the Cochrane Collaboration) and a founder and honorary patron of the Guidelines International Network. She was a member of the Consumer Collaboration of Aotearoa's Kaitiaki Group, a trustee of a community run, rural primary care service in Central Hawke's Bay, a primary care representative on the NGO Health and Disability Council, a member of Wellington Free Ambulance's Consumer Council and a member of the RNZCGP and General Practice NZ's Conporto Clinical Governance Group.

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