

# Health Systems Law

University of Otago Intensive Course  
GPCC505



## Course overview (with examples of topics covered)

### Day 1 Health systems and the law

- Understanding health laws and the principles of statutory interpretation
- Statutory roles of key health sector stakeholders
- Health sector funding, procurements and contracting
- Public Health Law
- New Zealand's no fault compensation scheme
- Compulsory assessment and treatment

### Day 2 Health consumers and the law

- Promoting and protecting patients' rights under the Code of Rights
- Duty of care
- Obtaining informed consent
- Advance directives
- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Right 7(4)/court orders
- Making healthcare decisions for children

### Day 3 Health practitioners and the law

- Managing concerns about health, competence, or conduct of health practitioners
- Key principles of employment law
- Collective bargaining
- Advances in Technology
- Human Rights and the Health and Disability Sector
- Ensuring workplace health and safety
- Preventing managing and learning from complaints

### Day 4 Making good decisions in the provision of healthcare

- Health information privacy
- Official Information and PQAAs
- Prioritising in a resource constrained environment
- Governance in the health and disability sector
- Major inquiries
- Complying with principles of natural justice and avoiding judicial review
- Advances in technology

### Day 5 Health law and ethics

- Beginning of life
- Organ donation
- Withdrawal of treatment
- End of life
- Protecting the vulnerable
- Reporting of deaths and coronial inquiries

## Health Law Intensive

The University of Otago and Vida Law are pleased to confirm that a post-graduate focused course in Health Systems Law will be held in Wellington from 24 – 28 August 2020.

This course is designed specifically for senior clinicians, board members, chief executives, and managers working in the New Zealand health sector. Enrolment is also open to post-graduate law students and practising lawyers with an interest in the field of health law.

### What to expect

The course will consist of 5 full days of intensive teaching. Each day will include lectures, case studies, and small group work, addressing the most important legal issues and challenges faced by the health sector.

Numbers are limited to allow plenty of interaction with presenters and other participants.

Participants will be expected to prepare for the course with pre-course reading, and will be assessed.

### Who should attend?

You will benefit from this course if you are working in a senior role in the health sector. In particular, you should consider attending if you:

- Practise as a chief medical adviser, clinical director/leader or as a senior clinician in the New Zealand health sector (as a doctor, nurse, or other registered health practitioner)
- Serve as a board member, chief executive, or senior manager of a health sector organisation (including DHBs, private hospitals, and NGOs)
- Have worked as a senior clinician or manager in an overseas jurisdiction and wish to develop your knowledge of New Zealand health law
- Are undertaking vocational training with any of the Royal Australasian Colleges
- Are considering studying towards a postgraduate qualification in health law, such as a University of Otago Masters in Bioethics and Health Law.



**VIDA LAW**  
NEW ZEALAND

## Presenters

The course will be run by Iris Reuevecamp, a practising lawyer specialising in health and disability law in association with senior academics from the University of Otago Faculty of Law; including Associate Professor Colin Gavaghan and Dr Jeanne Snelling, along with a range of guest speakers with specialist knowledge in relation to specific topic areas.



### **Iris Reuevecamp**, Principal, Vida Law

Iris Reuevecamp has specialised in health and disability law for well over a decade, both in the UK and in New Zealand. Iris has advised government departments and crown entities (including, in particular, DHBs) on a wide range of legal issues, and has worked extensively with providers of health and disability services (and their insurers) in both the public and private sector across New Zealand. Iris has worked as both in-house counsel and as an external advisor. Iris is Chair of the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology (a Ministerial Committee), and acts as Lawyer for the Subject Person with respect to applications under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.



### **Associate Professor Colin Gavaghan**

Associate Professor Colin Gavaghan, previously Lecturer in Medical Law and Ethics at the University of Glasgow's School of Law, heads the newly established Centre for Law and Policy in Emerging Technologies, the only New Zealand based research centre that examines the legal, ethical and policy issues around new technologies. These include biotechnology, nanotechnology, alternative bio-energy, information and communication technologies, robotics and artificial intelligence.



### **Dr Jeanne Snelling**

Dr Jeanne Snelling teaches in the field of Law and New Technologies at the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Jeanne is also a Research Fellow in Bioethics and Health Law at the Bioethics Centre and teaches Medical Law to 3rd, 4th and 5th year medical students (patient rights; consent; mental health treatment without consent; certification of cause of death and the coronial process; complaints & discipline; issues in paediatrics.)

## Venue, Dates and Cost

The venue for the course will be the Wellington Rowing Club, Taranaki Street Wharf, Te Aro, Wellington.

The course will be held from 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday 24 to Friday 28 August 2020.

## Enrolment

Enrolment in this proposed course will be through the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Enrolment will be restricted to appropriately qualified and experienced participants, who hold a degree in medicine or law, or another qualification approved by the Dean of Law.

Dates	Cost
24 - 28 August 2020	\$2,950 + GST

## Contact us

If you would like to receive further information about the course, please contact:

### **Iris Reuevecamp**

Tel: 021 869 361 | Email: [iris@vidalaw.co.nz](mailto:iris@vidalaw.co.nz)

To enrol, please complete an enrolment form and email/post to:

Health Law Intensive, Faculty of Law,  
University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin,  
Email: [law@otago.ac.nz](mailto:law@otago.ac.nz)

