

WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE?

Whose tune does MCNZ dance to and is it really the Medical Council of *New Zealand*?

The c-19 response has exposed some influences that appear to have been going on behind the scenes for some years. We posit that these secretive alliances are harming Kiwi doctors and their ability to practice medicine.

MCNZ

The MCNZ states: *"Our role is to protect you by ensuring doctors are competent and fit to practise."*

Our experience is that *'doctors are competent and fit to practise'* now appears to mean *'doctors comply with government-directed medicine'*. The MCNZ has not engaged in any discussion or debate about the science behind the different views we have about the covid response. Instead it has sought to silence those who dissent.

The Guidance Statement issued in April 2021 was very similar to statements that doctors and other health professionals all over the world received. It appears to have been internationally co-ordinated.

IAMRA

IAMRA is the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities. It is based in the US, was incorporated in 2004 and aims to ensure that medical and other health professional regulatory agencies all follow the same or a similar path. Interestingly the CEO of the MCNZ (Joan Simeon) is currently the Chair of this international organisation.

In February 2024, she signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on behalf of IAMRA which apparently aims to strengthen and achieve more effective **medical regulation** worldwide. The actual MoU has not been released and requests for it to be made available have been ignored.

We presume this MoU means that doctors will have to adhere even more closely to **supranational** guidelines, protocols and dictates and give away their independent professional medical opinions.

FSMB

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) appears to have significant influence on medical practice worldwide despite its name implying a US focus. This organisation has been in existence since 1912 and its founding followed the publication of the Flexner Report in 1910 which led to dramatic changes in medical education. Its offices are in a building right next to the IAMRA offices in Texas, US. It is not clear how the FSMB is funded.

Dr Curtis Walker, former chair of the MCNZ, has served on the FSMB since 2021 and is currently on the Workgroup on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Medical Regulation and Patient Care.

Points to Ponder regarding MCNZ:

- What exactly is the role of IAMRA and the FSMB in determining the actions of the MCNZ and does their involvement serve New Zealanders?
- Why are the details of the MCNZ election results not publicly available or even available to the candidates?
- Why does the MoH appoint the majority of the MCNZ board members (7 out of 11) and approve (or otherwise) those elected by doctors?
- Why are 3 of the 4 'lay' members of MCNZ now all lawyers, each elected since Nov 2022?
 - Mr Simon Watt
 - Prof Ron Paterson
 - Dr David Ivory
- Why is the other 'lay member' a career bureaucrat?
- Why has the current Registrar been in the position for 15 years when the legislation allows for continuous service of only 9 years?
- Is the MCNZ really a body of our peers?

We question whether science is leading the practice of medicine and the protection of the public, or whether politics and industry are.

