

Health Law

University of Otago Intensive Course



Course overview (with examples of topics covered)

Day 1 Health systems and the law

- Introduction to New Zealand's legal system
- The public health and disability sector - how we got here and where we are going
- New Zealand's no-fault compensation scheme
- Civil and criminal liability relating to the provision of health and disability services in New Zealand
- Health sector funding, procurements and contracting
- Compulsory assessment and treatment

Day 2 Health consumers and the law

- Promoting and protecting patients' rights under the Code of Rights
- Duty of care
- Informed consent
- Advance directives
- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Healthcare decision making in the absence of consent
- Healthcare decisions by and for children

Day 3 Health practitioners and the law

- Managing concerns about health, competence, or conduct of health practitioners
- Key principles of employment law
- Pay equity
- Ensuring workplace health and safety

Day 4 Health law and ethics

- Beginning of life
- Organ donation
- Withdrawal of treatment
- End of life
- Prioritising in a resource constrained environment
- Reporting deaths and coronial inquiries

Day 5 Health information and Quality Improvement and the Law

- Adverse events
- Preventing, managing, and learning from complaints
- Health information privacy
- Official information
- Protected Quality Assurance Activities
- Governance in the health and disability sector

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The University of Otago and Vida Law are pleased to confirm that the post-graduate focused course will be held in Wellington from 28 August- 1 September 2023.

This course is designed specifically for senior clinicians, board members, chief executives, and managers working in the New Zealand health and disability 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 and disability 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.

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 and disability sector.
- Serve as a board member, chief executive, or senior manager of a health and disability sector organisation.
- 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.



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Presenters

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



Iris Reuevecamp BA LLB(Hons) (VUW) MBHL (Distinction) (Otago) GradDipBusStuds (Dispute Resolution) (Massey) LLM (Hons) (Auckland) AAMINZ MInstD

Iris is a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. Iris has been practicing as a health and disability law specialist for twenty years both as in house counsel and as an external advisor. Iris has advised government departments and crown entities 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 appears regularly in a range of courts and tribunals and is a court appointed lawyer for the subject person under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 and lawyer for the child. She is an Affiliate of the Law Faculty and a Professional Practice Fellow of the Department of Public Health at the University of Otago and teaches on health and disability law. Iris has published on a range of topics relevant to health and disability law. Iris was co-editor of Mental Capacity Law in New Zealand (Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2019). Iris holds a number of health and disability sector governance roles. She is also chair of the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology and a member of the Clinical Advisory Ethics Group for Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley District, Te Whatu Ora.

Dr Jeanne Snelling

Dr Jeanne Snelling teaches in the field of Law and New Technologies at the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Prior to commencing a full-time position in the Faculty of Law in 2021, Jeanne held a joint position with the Faculty and the Bioethics Centre and taught 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.) Jeanne teaches Law and Medicine to undergraduate law students.

Venue, Dates and Cost

The venue for the course will be the Wharewaka Function Centre - Te Puni Room, Taranaki Street Wharf, Te Aro, Wellington

The course will be held from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September 2023, finishing at 3pm on the last day.

Enrolment

Enrollment in this proposed course will be through the Faculty of Law, University of Otago. Enrollment will be restricted to appropriately qualified and experienced participants.

Dates	Cost
28 August - 1 September 2023	\$3500 + GST

Contact us

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

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