



NZ Telehealth Forum & Resource Centre

Kia ora koutou,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. While 2024 has been challenging, I want to focus on the upcoming Christmas season as a time for reflection and rejuvenation. It was wonderful to reconnect with many of you at HiNZ and celebrate the forum's achievements. The session on "Virtual Care" was particularly engaging and sparked some great discussions.

Our Telehealth forum has now democratised our main meetings, and it was fantastic to see a diverse group from the sector at our last gathering. We had an insightful presentation on the telehealth review, which we will share with you as soon as it's available. Additionally, there was an excellent presentation on remote wheelchair assessments, showcasing the incredible range and depth of telehealth services, especially within our allied health membership.

Our communities of practice are settling into their new formats, and I am deeply grateful to the Mobile Health Group team, Scott Arrol, and our COPs chairs for their outstanding work. While telehealth's impact on primary care is evident, we must also recognise its significant potential in improving health outcomes in secondary care. As we continue to support primary health care, we must not lose sight of the needs in the secondary and tertiary sectors, and we welcome new forum members from these areas.

Next year, we will focus on promoting our PACE and RPM models as Health New Zealand enters a new phase. For those of you changing roles, even if it is outside of the health sector, we welcome your ongoing engagement in the telehealth forum and hope that you gain support from within our membership.



I wish you all a very Meri Kirihimete, and may 2025 bring us all sustenance and joy.

Nāku, nā
Dr Ruth Large
NZTF Chair

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Success at the telehealth in-person workshop

Earlier this year we successfully held a 2-day telehealth workshop held at Whakarongorau Aotearoa headquarters in Auckland. It was attended by a group of health professionals who wanted to sharpen their telehealth knowledge and skills. **Thank you** for joining us and taking steps to advance your telehealth journey, as well as sharing your own stories and experiences.

Thank you also to our fantastic guest speakers: **Melissa Grant, Janine Bycroft, Samantha King, David Codyre, Susan Reid, Mike Mulvaney and Leisha Davies-Colley.**

The workshop was run by our fantastic team Dr Ruth Large, Scott Arrol and Ny Brunenberg from Collaborative Aotearoa.



Digital Health CONNECT magazine

The latest special edition of Digital Health CONNECT magazine features the main story, **Telehealth - lifeline or last resort?** (page 20 - 23) which examines the role of telehealth in New Zealand's health system. Our chair Dr Ruth Large features in the article and stresses the need for thorough evaluation and a comprehensive strategy and integrated approach of virtual models of care to ensure their effectiveness and sustainability.

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Health NZ aims for 10 percent digital care delivery by mid-2025

Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora has set a goal to have at least 10 percent of care delivered via digital channels by June 2025.

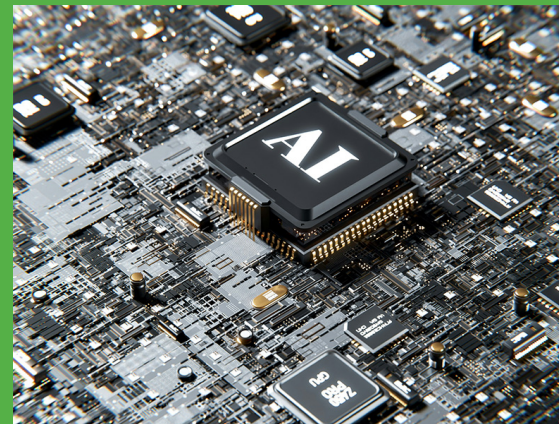
Current levels of outpatient attendances completed via telephone or video are seven percent, slightly up from 6.7 percent in quarter three...

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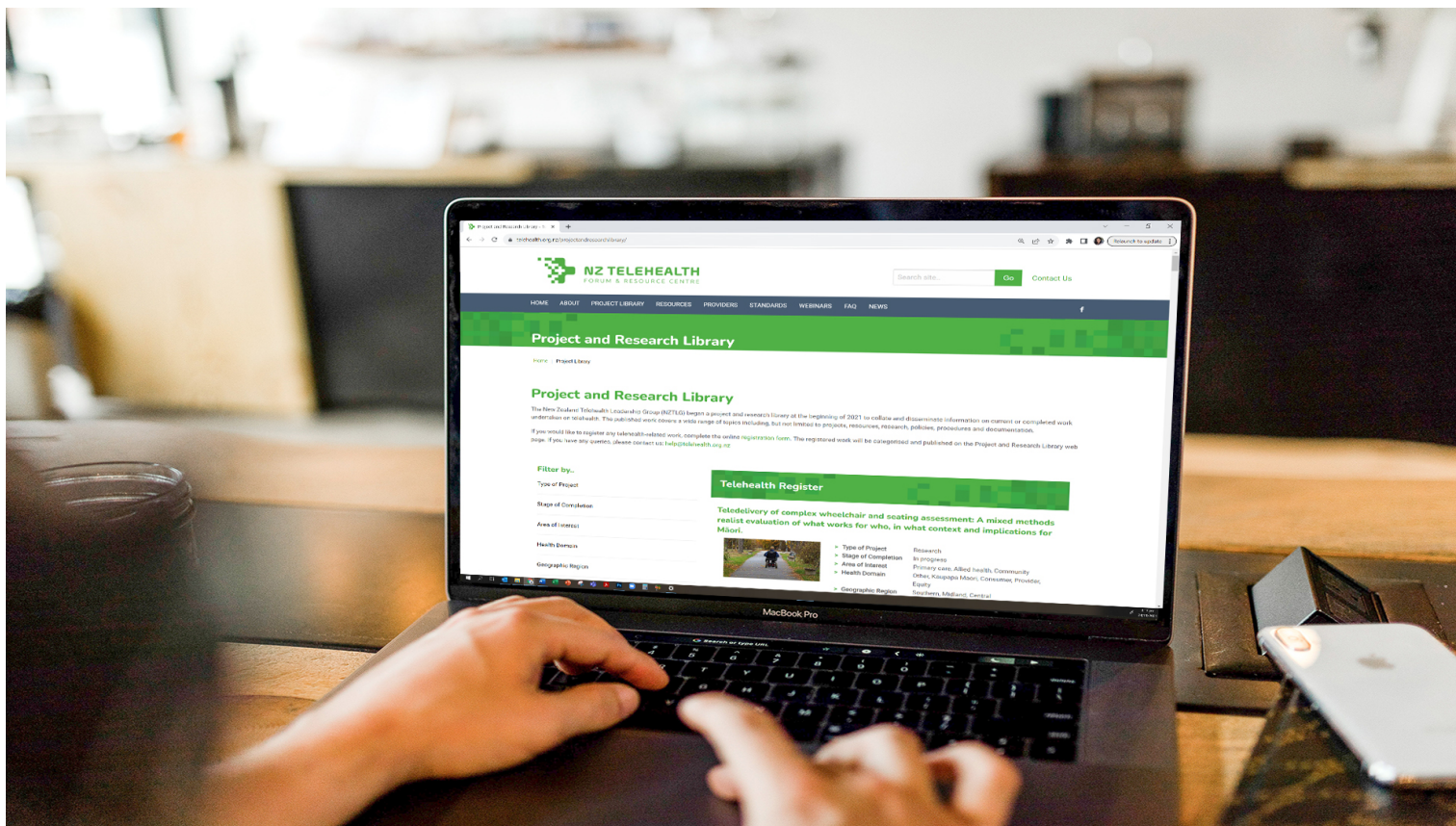


Upcoming webinar

The next upcoming webinar will be on AI on **Wednesday 12 February 2025**. A hot topic in the healthcare industry, this webinar will be moderated by our chair Dr Ruth Large, and will cover how we can solve current telehealth problems using AI tools and what the challenges are in doing so.



NZ Telehealth Forum Project Library



The project library aims to collate and disseminate information on current or completed work undertaken on telehealth. The published work covers a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, projects, resources, research, policies, procedures and documentation.

If you would like to register any telehealth-related work, complete the [online registration form](#). The registered work will be categorised and published on the Project and Research Library web page. If you have any queries, please contact us: help@telehealth.org.nz

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New Zealand Telehealth Leadership Group history timeline

2010

- > Telehealth leaders hold their first inaugural meeting. Key attendees included Malcolm Pollock, National Institute for Health Innovation; Pat Kerr, Telehealth NZ Ltd; and Graeme Osborne, National Health IT Board and head of Ministry of Health.
- > A submission is made to the National Health IT Board and received approval to proceed with start-up funding for an Establishment Board.

2011

- > The first Establishment Board meeting was held in April to develop Terms of Reference (ToR).
- > A formal Expression of Interest (EOI) was issued for applications to Telehealth Leadership Group membership.

2012

- > A Telehealth Symposium "A Call to Arms" was held at the National Institute for Health Innovation (NIHI) with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- > The New Zealand Telehealth Leadership Group (NZTLG) formed as an advisory group for the Ministry of Health.
- > The Telehealth Leadership Group (TLG) held their first inaugural meeting.

2013

- > John Garret became chairperson and Ruth Large appointed deputy chair.

Free NZ telehealth images

The telehealth [Stock Photo Library](#) contains images which can be used by health providers to support the provision of telehealth and other digitally-enabled health programs in New Zealand.

If you need specific photos and you don't see them in the photo library, send us an email with details about what you are looking for to: info@telehealth.org.nz. We will endeavour to try and capture these in an upcoming photo shoot.



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Join the NZ Telehealth Forum - it's free!

The NZ Telehealth Forum includes a diverse range of people including clinicians, operations, management, and technology. We are here to support, and encourage the increased use of telehealth, we would love for you to join us.

Note: Please expect a delay in responses from the NZ Telehealth Forum. The organisation has reduced funding to run the Forum and we are adjusting activities accordingly.

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