



The Royal Australasian College of Physicians



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Health professionals unite to support an end to violence against women

Medical Colleges and peak health bodies in Australia and New Zealand are uniting today – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – to support the White Ribbon campaign to end men’s violence against women.

Violence against women is a widespread issue in Australia and New Zealand. Although often unspoken, reported rates are high in both countries, with up to a third of women experiencing physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes.

As health and medical professionals, the members of our organisations see all too often the devastating effects of violence against women. On White Ribbon Day our members will be wearing white ribbons in their workplaces to demonstrate their support for the campaign to colleagues, patients and clients, and to indicate their willingness and availability to discuss this sensitive and difficult issue, should they be experiencing violence in their lives.

Co-signed by:

- Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers
- Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

- Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
- Australian Medical Students' Association
- Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association
- Australian Psychological Society
- College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ)
- Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
- Indigenous Allied Health Australia
- Music Therapy New Zealand
- New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists
- New Zealand College of Midwives
- New Zealand Medical Association
- New Zealand Orthoptic Society
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- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists