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### **Changes to the Sports Medicine Scope of Practice**

Dear Eleanor

The New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) wishes to provide feedback on the above consultation. The NZMA is New Zealand's largest medical organisation, with more than 5,500 members from all areas of medicine. The NZMA aims to provide leadership of the medical profession, and to promote professional unity and values, and the health of all New Zealanders.

We note that the Medical Council is proposing a minor change to the name of the scope of practice for Sports Medicine and its associated prescribed qualification and definition. We understand that the proposed change is a result of a name change by the Australasian College of Sports Physicians (ACSP) to the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians (ACSEP).

We note that the Council is proposing adding 'and exercise' such that the scope of practice will be 'Sport *and Exercise* Medicine'. The name of the prescribed qualification will also add 'and exercise' although the training and recertification programme content remains unchanged. The definition of the scope of practice is also to incorporate 'and exercise'.

The NZMA supports the proposed changes by the Medical Council. We consider it sensible to align the scope of practice with the name of the College.

We hope that our feedback is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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NZMA Chair