

New Zealand Graduate School of Medicine



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A health system in crisis

- *Nationwide GP shortage, especially in rural areas - greatest inequities in access*
- *Not enough doctors being trained in NZ – short 220 GPs will be 880 by 2032*
- *1 in 4 adults claim unmet health needs due to long GP wait times*
- *High dependency on overseas doctors (~42% in rural communities)*
- *50% of rural GP's will retire by 2032*

A new approach to medical education

Waikato med school breaks decades-long duopoly



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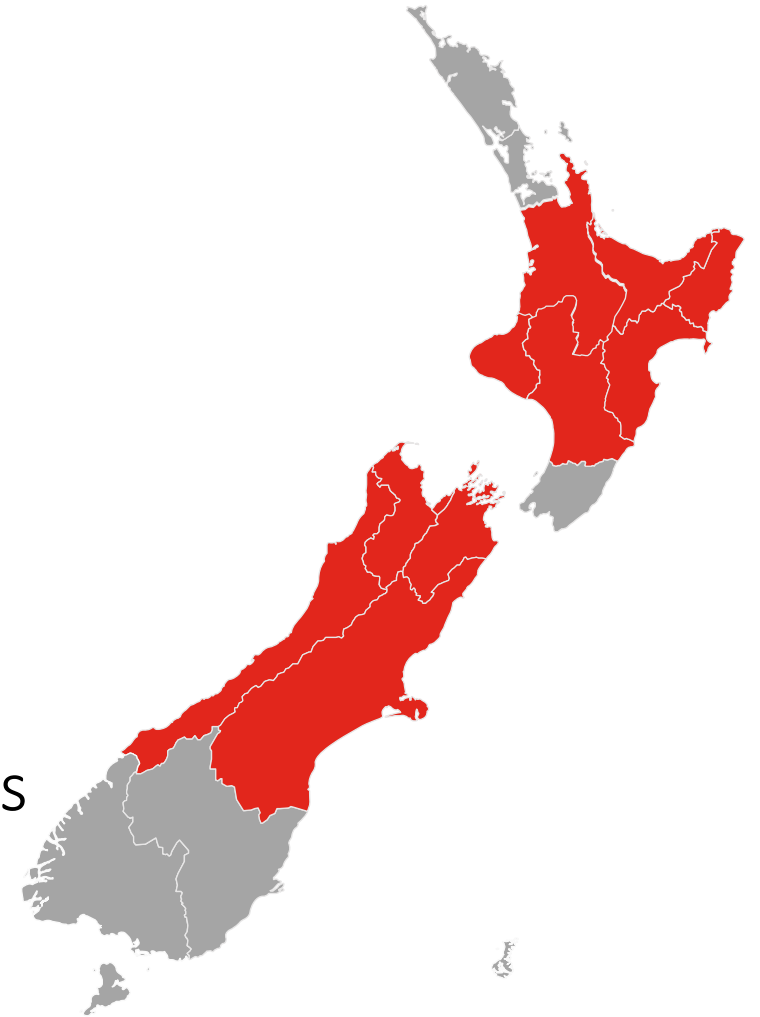
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- Four-year graduate-entry programme
- Initial intake of 120 students in 2028
- A proven model to deliver more GPs and rural doctors

Programme overview

- **Year 1:** All students based at the Hamilton campus
- **Years 2-4:** Students based in regional communities to complete the clinical placement programme
- A balanced student experience across hospital and primary care settings
- Mature graduate students from rural area are 6x more likely to return or remain in rural communities



Investment overview

total = \$231.8 million



\$114m

New teaching facilities



\$23.9m

HNZ clinical placements



\$23.8m

Accommodation



\$30.3m

Science laboratory
refurbishment



\$20.0m

Curriculum development



\$19.8m

Community Clinical
Learning Centres

Government support: = \$82.9M
\$59m towards the on-campus facilities
\$23.9m to increase HNZ clinical placement capacity

Funding model



Government

\$82.9 million



University



Partnerships



Philanthropy

\$148.9 million

Next steps and timeline

- **May 2026** – Accreditation process begins
- **March 2027** – GAMSAT requirement
- **June 2027** – Student applications open
- **Jan 2028** – First cohort starts in University of Waikato campus
- **Jan 2029** – Clinical placements begin in regional hospitals
- **Jan 2030** – Longitudinal primary care placements begin
- **Dec 2031** – First new doctors graduate
- **Jan 2032** – 120 additional PGY1 places in regional hospitals



Community Clinical Learning Centres

- A distributed network of satellite campuses in communities of 15,000 - 50,000 who can support the student experience
- Group learning facilities
- Provide holistic student and whānau support while on placement

Impact of NZGSM in Rural Centres

- **Reduce healthcare inequities through immediate student contribution to workforce and medium-term retention**
- **Contribute to local economies**
 - Capital investment**
 - Students spend \$20,000 pa each**

Partnership Opportunities

- **Community Clinical Learning Centers (CCLC)** **\$2,000,000 each**
 - **Nationwide (TBD by HNZ)**
 - **~4-5 Waikato region**
- **CCLC associated regional student accommodation** **\$2,000,000 each**
- **Student Support – tuition, accommodation and travel**
- **Specialised equipment and clinical teaching staff**

Benefits for communities



Pathways for local students into medicine



Select local, train local, work local



Communities help shape the doctors they need



Improved access to health services



Students and future doctors will boost local economies



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