

## JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASMS AND IPAC

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IPAC and ASMS jointly affirm:

1. The necessity for all professionals across the spectrum of patient care to work together in the interests of individual patients.
2. The necessity for all professionals across the spectrum of care to work together for groups of patients, to design systems and pathways that bridge home to health centre to hospital care.
3. The necessity for all organisations representing professionals working together to transform the system, to provide equitable access to health care, in the best place at the best time by the best individuals and teams.

In jointly affirming these necessities, IPAC and ASMS will work together to promote clinical leadership and governance throughout the New Zealand health system such as shared access and shared initiatives between primary and secondary care.

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### Background

The Association of Salaried Medical Specialists (ASMS) is the national organisation that represents and advocates on behalf of salaried senior doctors and dentists for better health care in New Zealand. As a union it also negotiates terms and conditions of employment for its members. The large majority of its members are employed by district health boards working in secondary and tertiary care. The ASMS is an active proponent of clinical leadership in DHBs and clinically led networks between DHBs.

The Independent Practitioner Associations Council of NZ (IPAC) is the national organisation that supports and advocates for general practice teams through networks, large and small. Its member organisations provide numerous services through general practice to 2.7 million New Zealanders, to support and promote clinical excellence. In addition, IPAC represents the interests of general practice on behalf of its members at the national DHB/PHO negotiations.

*working together for better health care in New Zealand*