

## ResearchGate – a place to find and share research



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SINCE IT was launched in 2010, *Kaitiaki Nursing Research* has generated a body of knowledge and evidence for nursing practice that reflects the interests and concerns of nurses from differing perspectives across the breadth of nursing in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The journal also serves as a medium to foster nurses as both emerging and experienced researchers, especially in publishing research that is relevant to our local context. The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) is keen to support any initiatives which provide an avenue to publicise and promote the work being done by nurses here in New Zealand, particularly with regard to research, methodology and evidence-based practice.

### Research open to all

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