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We are delighted to share the [preliminary program for the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery 2025 Symposium](#).

This engaging, full two-day event will feature a dynamic mix of thought-provoking sessions designed to expand professional knowledge, foster innovative thinking, and enhance practical skills across the nursing and midwifery sector.

The program is structured around three key themes - Education, Practice, Leadership and Policy, ensuring there's something of value for attendees at every stage of their career. Expect inspiring keynote presentations, interactive discussions, and valuable networking opportunities with colleagues, educators, and industry leaders

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Keynote speaker spotlight

We are thrilled to announce **Lorraine Hetaraka, Chief Nurse, Ministry of Health New Zealand**, as our third keynote speaker for the 2025 symposium.



Lorraine Hetaraka brings a wealth of experience and insight to the national stage as Aotearoa New Zealand's Chief Nurse at the Ministry of Health, Manatū Hauora. A respected leader in nursing policy and workforce development, Lorraine is a powerful advocate for equity, cultural safety, and transformative leadership in healthcare.

With a nursing career spanning more than 20 years, Lorraine's journey has taken her from being the first Māori new graduate at Tauranga Hospital to senior leadership roles across primary care and academia, including CEO of Te Arawa Whānau Ora. Her work has been driven by a deep commitment to improving health outcomes for vulnerable communities.

Her visionary leadership has shaped national programmes supporting Māori nurses, workforce equity, and integrated models of care. Lorraine holds a Master's degree with first-class honours from the University of Auckland, with research that led to the highest-ever employment of Māori nursing graduates in primary care.

Lorraine's keynote will offer timely insights into the future of nursing leadership, policy innovation, and the power of culturally safe care in achieving health equity.

Don't miss this inspiring keynote session - an unmissable highlight of the 2025 symposium program. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our keynote speakers.

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If you have any questions about CDN 2025, please contact cdnm@expertevents.com.au.

We look forward to seeing you in Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand.

Kind regards,

CDNM 2025 Organising Committee

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