

Thursday, 24 September 2020



Re: Official Information Act Request – Endoscopy procedures

Kia ora 

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:

1. *In the last five years, how many endoscopy consents were undertaken by nurses and could I please get a breakdown of the procedures these related to (eg. gastroscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP, etc?) I also want to know who conducted the procedures.*

Nil. There have been no endoscopy consents undertaken by nurses in the last five years.

2. *In the last five years, how many endoscopy consents were done by doctors and could I please get a breakdown of the procedures these consents related to? I also want to know who conducted the procedure.*

Based on the response above, 100% of consents for endoscopy procedures have been undertaken by doctors at Hauora Tairāwhiti in the last five years. Hauora Tairāwhiti's Endoscopy Service undertakes gastroscopy and colonoscopy procedures. Procedures are conducted by a doctor/senior medical officer. Patients requiring ERCP are referred to Waikato DHB.

3. *For the last five years, can you please state how many high-risk endoscopy procedures (based on what you classify as high-risk procedures) nurses consented patients to?*

Nil.

4. *In the last five years, how many deaths have been attributed to endoscopy procedures?*

Nil.

5. *What is the best practice in terms of who (ie. doctors or nurses) should be consenting patients to endoscopy procedures? Should consent be obtained by the clinician conducting the procedure?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti's best practice is that a doctor consents the patient. Consent should be obtained by the clinician performing the procedure if it is not a routine colonoscopy/gastroscopy, otherwise it is acceptable for another clinician to consent the patient.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

**Jim Green**  
Chief Executive  
Hauora Tairāwhiti