

Nomination for CPMEC Junior Doctor of the Year Award 2022



AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND – Dr Emma ESPINER

Dr Espiner is a Surgical House Officer at the Middlemore Hospital, Manukau and a strong advocate for Maaori and indigenous health equity and the promotion of women in medicine.

She has provided departmental teaching on Maaori health, health equity and kaupapa Maaori health research which have been previously poorly understood in Aotearoa New Zealand. Her teaching sessions/presentations have brought these issues to the fore and during her intern years of 2021-2022, she has been invited to present at nine conferences.

Emma is an active member of Te Roopu Whakamana Taakuta Maaori (WTM – Counties Manukau Maaori doctors) and has given support, advice and encouragement to her Maaori peers, as well as interns and medical students. Her membership of this roopu has been an important factor in encouraging Maaori interns to continue to engage with WTM and is attributed to Maaori medical students selecting Counties Manukau as their preferred site for their PGY1 year.

Emma is first author on three papers written during her intern years. She is the resident medical officer representative on the Education Committee of the Medical Council of New Zealand.