

Te Kawenata

Infectious Diseases Research Platform Charter

Te Whakakitenga | Vision

To generate high-quality, evidence-based research that addresses current, ongoing, and emerging infectious disease challenges, delivering evidence-based solutions, strengthening preparedness, and improving equitable infectious disease outcomes in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Te Ahunga | Mission

To advance infectious disease research in Aotearoa New Zealand, building a strong, unified, and prepared national research capability.

Te Tuatahi | Article One

Kāwanatanga | Governance

Obligation to protect Māori rights

- Representation & kaitiakitanga
- Structural mechanisms
- Decision-making partnerships

Te Tuarua | Article Two

Tino Rangatiratanga | Self-Determination

Māori exercising authority over their affairs through:

- Being engaged and included
- Capability and capacity building
- Design and implementation

Te Tuatoru | Article Three

Ōritetanga | Equity

Protection and rights

- Equitable outcomes
- Tiriti-based solutions
- Mana enhancement and due regard

Ngā Mātāpono | Our Principles

Manaakitanga | Responsibility and Accountability

We are responsible and accountable to those involved, impacted, and affected by our conduct

Whanaungatanga | Relationships and Partnerships

We commit to healthy relationships that are transparent, positively impactful, and honourable

Rangatiratanga | Leadership

We are committed to bringing communities together to shape outcomes and implement solutions

Ngā Whāinga | Objectives

Pono | Integrity

We take responsibility for our conduct, are transparent in our processes, and accountable to those involved, impacted, and affected by our actions.

We build relationships and partnerships that are honest, transparent, and honourable, where trust is maintained through ethical and consistent behaviour.

We act ethically, honouring commitments, and enabling others to participate meaningfully in shaping outcomes that are beneficial

Whakaute | Respect

We respect each other, recognise the impacts of our conduct on others, listen to diverse perspectives, and respond thoughtfully and responsibly.

We value different experiences, knowledge systems, and ways of working, by engaging with openness and care

We create inclusive environments where people and communities feel valued, heard, and supported to contribute to decisions and solutions

Mahi Tahi | Collaboration

We collaborate on decisions and outcomes and allow for collective ownership.

We strengthen relationships and partnerships by fostering shared purpose, mutual learning, and joint problem-solving

Collaborative leadership enables people and communities to work together to co-design and implement solutions,

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