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# Māori Responsiveness in Research

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# What is it?

Health research in New Zealand should:

- Contribute to improving Māori health and reducing inequities
- Reflect Māori needs and priorities
- Support Māori development
- Be accountable to Māori
- Protect Māori rights and interests

# What is it?

Researchers must show evidence that these Treaty principles have been incorporated in research design and conduct

- Formal part of HRC contract
- DHBs are required to ensure that research carried out within their jurisdiction protects and promotes Māori cultural interests, wellbeing, and participation
- DHB Locality Approval requires MRRC approval

Extent to which research is relevant is only a decision that Māori can make and requires consultation

Review of research is a form of consultation, but is the minimum

# A Framework for Māori Review of Research in District Health Boards

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Health Board and Capital and Coast District Health Board

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# Review Framework

	Non-Māori initiated research		
	(1) No expected involvement	(2) Possible involvement	(3) Probable involvement
<b>Level of Māori involvement:</b> • as participants • on research team	No expected involvement	Possible involvement as junior researcher positions	Probable involvement as researchers and/or advisors
<b>Type of consultation recommended</b>	DHB Māori review	DHB Māori review	DHB Māori review and possible engagement with DHB Māori reviewers (face to face meeting)
<b>Description of research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Māori have not been included in the design of the project</li> <li>There are still possibilities to contribute to Māori development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research topic is not designed to be analysed by ethnicity</li> <li>Not a topic of particular relevance for Māori.</li> <li>There are still possibilities to contribute to Māori development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the contribution of the research to Māori health and equity is detailed</li> <li>an area of health that Māori have high representation</li> <li>a topic of particular relevance for Māori (nationally or locally)</li> </ul>
<b>Control Analysis</b>	Non-Māori Non-Māori	Non-Māori Non-Māori	Non-Māori • Non-Māori and/or Māori • Ethnicity analysis • Equity analysis
<b>Tools</b>	Non-Māori	Non-Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Māori</li> <li>Possibly some Kaupapa Māori Research methods</li> </ul>

# Review Principles Te Ara Tika

<b>Whakapapa</b>	Research should involve the development and maintenance of respectful relationships and clear, appropriate communication
<b>Tika</b>	Researchers should have the appropriate skills and experience to design research that contributes to equity and to Māori health development
<b>Manaakitanga</b>	Research should be conducted with respect for all persons involved and respect for their culture
<b>Mana</b>	Research relationships should be reciprocal and equitable and acknowledge the rights, roles and responsibilities of all involved

# Level 2 Research

Whakapapa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate recruitment of Māori participants</li> <li>• Clear information that addresses issues for Māori (e.g., whanau involvement, tissue collection)</li> <li>• Dissemination to all Māori groups consulted</li> <li>• Locality report detailing Māori involvement</li> </ul>
Tika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate collection of ethnicity data</li> <li>• Māori participation reflective of study population</li> <li>• Training in tikanga Māori / Track record</li> </ul>
Manaakitanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant access to cultural advice and support</li> </ul>
Mana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants and whānau fully informed</li> <li>• Time to consider, discuss, question, consult with whanau / hapu/ iwi (especially tissues / genetics)</li> <li>• Koha and reimbursement</li> </ul>

# Level 3 Research

Whakapapa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Māori consultation about research design, analysis, dissemination</li> <li>• A process for ongoing communication with Māori involved in the project is established</li> </ul>
Tika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of health inequities considered in plan</li> <li>• Analysis by ethnicity</li> <li>• Team includes appropriate cultural expertise</li> </ul>
Manaakitanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision for Whānau to participate</li> <li>• Te reo Māori</li> <li>• Appropriate Māori protocols offered</li> </ul>
Mana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaningful engagement with Mana Whenua</li> <li>• Increase health literacy, research capacity</li> <li>• Provision for collective consent</li> <li>• Acknowledgement, sharing of benefits</li> </ul>



# Level 3 Research

Good practice would involve full and ongoing engagement and collaboration with appropriate Māori groups or communities, and best practice entails Māori researchers positioned as kaitiaki of a project, having full governance and decision-making power for all activities carried out as part of the study (Hudson et al 2010).

# Getting Started

Get to know your MRRC

Seek early review

Get to know your Māori health providers / researchers

- Nga Maia
- He Hono Wāhine
- Centre for Women's Health Research / Te Tātai Hauora o Hine

Find out your local Māori responsiveness strategy



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## Māori Responsiveness

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- [Responsiveness to Māori \(Reid NZMJ 2017\)](#)
- [Framework for Māori Review of Research \(Simmonds 2015\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Māori Health Research \(HRC 2010\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Genomic Research with Māori](#)
- [Guidelines for Biobanking with Māori](#)
- [Māori Health Priorities: Hauora IV \(2007\)](#)
- [FMHS Guide to Māori Responsiveness for HRC Applicants](#)

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## Cultural Competency

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- Mauriora Foundation Course In Cultural Competency
- New Zealand Medical Council Guide to Culturally Competent Care for Māori
- Tikanga Māori: Custom and Culture
- Whakahuatanga: Te Reo Pronunciation
- Māori Dictionary

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