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Reflection on Māori health teaching and learning in a new medical curriculum

In 2008 the University of Otago Faculty of Medicine introduced a brand new undergraduate medical curriculum with changes that included increased small group and case-based learning, earlier community and clinical contact and more independent learning. This change provided an opportunity (and a challenge) to introduce a new curriculum in Hauora Māori into the Early Learning in Medicine (ELM) years. This talk will outline how we responded to these challenges, the nature of our curriculum and how it was delivered focussing on an immersed Hauora Māori block for 2nd years. Challenges associated with teaching within hidden and unhidden curricula are described alongside approaches to addressing these.

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