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Kia Ora, Greetings from Aotearoa (New Zealand). I have been a registered nurse since 1989 and have worked in a variety of hospital and community settings. In 2011, I became the first New Zealand nurse practitioner to work in radiology. I am the immediate past Chair of the New Zealand Perioperative Nurses College, and I have been on advisory groups for the Ministry of Health and other government agencies.

My areas of interest are advancing nursing practice and promoting innovative models of care. I believe there is a largely untapped potential for advanced nurses to work across radiology and specialty care continuums. In my nurse practitioner role, I interface between vascular and radiology services. I provide a full range of care from initial outpatient vascular consulting; maximizing conservative management; ordering imaging; and consenting and working up for endovascular procedures, intraprocedural care, and postdischarge follow-up.

I pride myself on being a positive nursing role model. I enjoy mentoring members of the health-care team and participating on quality-improvement projects.

I live in the Hawke's Bay region, which is famous for its long summers, wine making, fresh produce, and Art Deco architecture. It is a great place to live and work.