

New Zealand gives credit to allied health professionals

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World Allied Health Professionals day is celebrated on 14 Oct



New Zealand's response to COVID-19 has seen thousands of health professionals across the country working tirelessly to help minimise and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

World Allied Health Professionals day is celebrated on 14 Oct as a chance to celebrate the people working across the at least [43 professions](#) that make up the allied health, scientific and technical workforce in New Zealand.

This is also a chance to raise awareness of how these professions contribute to health and disability sector.

The Ministry Chief Allied Health Professions Officer Dr Martin Chadwick said, "Now more than ever, the importance of working together has been reinforced as our response to COVID-19 continues.

There are a diverse range of professionals working in allied health, in different settings, right across New Zealand. In fact, there are at-least 43 professions, making up roughly a third of our health and disability workforce. All of them deserve recognition today, COVID-19 or no COVID-19. Quite often, they'll be the first point of contact for patients or others using our health system."

"Allied health is a big sector, with significant potential and we want to continue highlighting as much of the good work as often as possible in the years to come. In particular this year, I've been speaking with a number of practitioners who've worked differently during COVID-19 and under immense pressure," says Dr Chadwick.