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Special Issue

Psychology in Primary Health Care: Theory, Practice and Innovation

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Primary health care has been described as the delivery of health services which are integrated and accessible, by practitioners who have a wider accountability for personal health well-being, within a family and community context (Bray, Frank, McDaniel, & Heldring, 2004). If psychology were to become more active within primary health settings it could move the discipline out of the specialist secondary/tertiary mental health and primarily bio-medical health environments of hospital care and into the wider community. While this development may appear to be of most interest to Clinical, Health, and Counselling Psychologists there is certainly scope for I/O and Community Psychology to make significant contributions. The aim of this special issue is to provide a forum for the dissemination of both theoretical and practice innovations as they apply, or could be applied to the primary health sector.

We are interested in publishing psychological theory and practice developed in Aotearoa/New Zealand, or innovations from overseas which could be applied within the New Zealand context. Empirical, theoretical, review, case study, and single-case designs are all appropriate submissions. We are keen to hear about what is already happening within the primary health sector, and explore possibilities for the future.

Manuscripts may be anything up to standard length (maximum 6,000 words), although we are also willing to consider briefer submissions. All manuscripts submitted will be subjected to the usual peer review processes observed by the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*.

The deadline for outlines/abstracts is 27 June 2008, with a first draft of manuscripts being required by 12 September 2008. You are welcome to contact the first guest editor for further information about the requirements for manuscript submission, or to discuss your ideas for this special issue:

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