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Committee Role – Operational Committee; Conference Evaluation/ RTD Facilitator

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Biography	I began my academic career whilst GP training in Birmingham (UK), later working as a partner and a clinical lecturer. We moved to NZ in 2001 where I set up the Clinical Skills Centre for the University of Auckland. The centre is used by under- and post-graduate students undertaking health professional courses and programmes through the faculty. I was Director of the Centre until October 2017. I then served as Director of Assessment, Deputy Head and then Head of MBChB (until 2022). I was editor of the journal, Focus on Health Professional education from 2015-2020. In 2015 I received a 'Choice Critics Award' from Medical Education, and in 2016 a university award for sustained excellence

	<p>in teaching. Between 2005 and 2014 I held positions within ANZAHPE and was scientific chair for two conferences. I am enjoying being an academic foot soldier again, since stepping down as Head. Away from work I dabble in painting, photography, guitar and cooking. A perfect day would be snorkelling in clear water and walks along the beach.</p>
Research (long text)	<p>I have an eclectic mix of research activity and publications which includes: qualitative and quantitative methodologies, health professional education and clinical practice. Skills-based research has been a major focus. Much of my output has been in collaboration locally, regionally or internationally (e.g. UK, Australia, North America, Hong Kong & Japan).</p> <p>Current research includes exploration of Threshold Concepts, aspects of clinical skills , professionalism, transitions in education and training, and the impact of progress testing. Google Scholar H index 24.</p>
Teaching (long text)	<p>I have been involved in undergraduate and postgraduate education for 25+ years. Undergraduate teaching has mainly focussed on clinical and professional skills. In the UK, I held the inaugural Sir Siegmund Warburg Lectureship in Communication Studies. In NZ I have designed and delivered clinical skills curricula, developed assessments and contributed to the professional domain of learning. Previously I co-convened the MMedSc(GP) at Birmingham University and was involved in GP Training. I helped to establish and contributed to the Auckland ClinEd programme. Small group learning is where I really feel at home.</p>
Publications (long text)	<p>80+ peer reviewed publications and book chapters.</p> <p>For a sample please see:</p> <p>Andy Wearn Profile University of Auckland</p>
Conferences / Lectures (long text)	<p>I have contributed regularly to local and international conferences through peer-reviewed oral presentations, posters workshops and conference management.</p>
External links to work	<p>I continue to work part time in GP</p>