



## Kate Meerkerk

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### Biography

Dr Catherine Meerkerk (BHB, MBChB, MPH, MHSc, MInstD, FNZCPHM) is a Public Health Medicine Specialist Physician working in Waikato, Aotearoa New Zealand. She is a UICC Young Leader for 2023/24 and is a Fulbright Scholar, AMP Scholar, and has served on boards of several community-led organisations for health improvement and health promotion. Her focus is on achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori, the indigenous population of Aotearoa New Zealand. She has worked in co-designing cancer screening services with Māori communities, as well as in cancer prevention through alcohol harm minimisation, healthy eating, vaccinations and tobacco control. Dr Meerkerk has published in several peer reviewed journals. Her publications focus on inequitable access to cancer prevention, screening, diagnostic and treatment services and ways to remedy these, taking a strengths-based, indigenous-led approach.