Title: New Zealand adult respiratory nursing knowledge and skills framework: A platform for competence development

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Body: Respiratory nurses in New Zealand (NZ) are required by the Nursing Council of NZ and national legislation to provide evidence of competence however, there has been an absence of an agreed articulation of the respiratory specific knowledge and skills required to demonstrate this. A national working group of respiratory nurses therefore undertook to develop a national respiratory knowledge and skills framework that offers a mechanism for the development of a range of transferable clinical skills, seeks to minimise risk to patients, nurses and employers, provides a reference point for curricula and a mechanism for nurses to measure effectiveness of their practice. This presentation will describe the aims of the framework, process of development, scope for application, implementation to date, and initial evaluation.