

Dr Hinemoa Elder is of Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupouri, Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi descent. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and has been a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist for more than 10 years.

Dr Elder is the Professor of Indigenous Health Research at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. She was a recipient of the Eru Pomare Post Doctoral Fellow, Health Research Council of New Zealand 2014-2018. Hinemoa is the Māori Strategic Leader for the Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) for the Ageing Brain.

Dr Elder is an advocate for use of Te Reo Māori and is a graduate of Te Pīnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi, rangapū tuarima.

In addition to her medical qualifications she has a PhD (Massey University, 2012) that developed theory and a novel recovery approach grounded in Te Ao Māori, for Māori with traumatic brain injury, a condition recognized locally and internationally as over represented in incarcerated populations. These resources are now being used in community rehabilitation services. Hinemoa continues to work clinically as a neuropsychiatrist and in youth forensic psychiatry writing reports for the adult, youth and family courts.

Dr Elder has served on several Ministry of Health reference groups. She is a deputy psychiatrist member of the NZ Mental Health Review Tribunal and a Specialist Assessor under the Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation) Act 2003. Dr Elder is also an invited Research Associate of the Person Centred Research Centre, and the National Institute for Stroke and Applied Neurosciences at AUT and is a member of the Māori Advisory Committee of the Centre for Brain Research, University of Auckland. Dr Elder is a Trustee and Director of Emerge Aotearoa, a national NGO and an Advisory Trustee on Te Puna Ora o Mataatua Charitable Trust.

In 2018 Dr Elder was appointed to the International Science Advisory Panel of the National Science Challenge, “E Tipu E Rea, A Better Start”.

Dr Elder has previously co-authored a chapter about Māori and the Mental Health Act (Elder H, Tapsell R, (2013) editors Dawson J and Gledhill K, Otago University Press). She has recently authored a chapter about Māori concepts related to the legal concept of “capacity” again edited by Professor John Dawson, which will be available by the time of the conference.