



AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Chief Medical Officer Appointment**

Auckland District Health Board Chief Executive, Garry Smith, is delighted to announce that Dr Margaret Wilsher has accepted the role of Chief Medical Officer. Dr Wilsher will be replacing Dr David Sage who will be retiring from the role of Chief Medical Officer effective 1 June 2010.

“Dr Wilsher’s in depth knowledge of ADHB, the complexities of the health sector and her previous clinical leadership experience provide an excellent platform for her in this significant leadership role,” said Mr Smith.

“I personally welcome Dr Wilsher into my clinical-management partnership and look forward to working with her as we face the ongoing challenges ahead.”

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### **Biography**

#### **Dr Margaret Wilsher**

Dr Margaret Wilsher has been working within the New Zealand health sector in a wide variety of roles for over thirty years. Her current positions include Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director Adult Services at Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) all the while carrying out her work as a respiratory physician within ADHB.

Margaret began her career in medicine as a House Officer in Tauranga Hospital in 1980 after leaving the University of Otago with a distinction in obstetrics, gynaecology and paediatrics. Early in her career Margaret joined Auckland Hospital as House Physician. In 1984 Margaret went on to share her learning by becoming a Clinical Lecturer at the University of Auckland. Her work with the university has continued and Margaret is now an Honorary Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

In 1986 Margaret took her expertise overseas to become a Research Fellow in the Cardiothoracic Institute in London and Locum Senior Registrar at the London Chest Hospital.

Two years later Margaret came back to Auckland, as Consultant Respiratory Physician. In 2004 she went on to become Medical Director for Adult Health Services.

Margaret's commitment to medicine has seen her take on the role of President at Auckland Medico-Legal Society and become a member of the National Health Board. Her research into pulmonary diseases was recognised with an award from the Medical Research Council of New Zealand.

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