

Nurse Practitioner Profiles (as at 06/11/2015)
Te Tai Tokerau, Northland



Adrienne Murray

Iwi: Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi

NP area of practice: Primary health care – Whanau Ora (2005)

Employed by: Te Hiku Hauora

Based: Kaitaia / East Coast of Northland

Adrienne Murray, Nurse Practitioner Prescriber, Primary care, Whanau Ora
MNurs, PGDip Hsc., PGCert HSci., PGCert Cardiac Rehab, RN
Ngapuhi/Te Rarawa oku Iwi, Te Tai Tokerau, Northland

Adrienne Murray was raised in Kaitaia, having left that College in 1984 to qualify as a registered nurse with Northland Polytechnic (1987). She has over 27 years of nursing experience, specializing in **secondary services** of acute medicine/coronary care/cardiac rehabilitation, elderly care/assessment and rehabilitation, working clinical roles of Nurse Manager, Registered Nurse and Project Leader positions within hospitals of Northland District Health Board (1987-1997).

Adrienne moved to **primary care** working as a practice nurse in Kaitaia from 1997 to January 2001. From February 2001, she became employed by Kaitaia Maori Health Provider Te Hauora O Te Hiku O Te Ika. As part of this **innovative team**, Adrienne participated in the establishment of **new nursing services** consisting of home visits and Mobile Outreach clinics and later in 2004, establishment of **new General Practice** clinics from where she currently works as a Nurse Practitioner Prescriber for Te Whare Hauora and Mamaru GP clinics with a one day weekly Mobile Nurse Practitioner Outreach clinic at Whatuwhiwhi.

Adrienne is New Zealand's 5th and Northland's first Nurse Practitioner with Prescribing rights across the Aged life span in Primary care. Adrienne is quiet about her achievement but is actually the **first nurse, world-wide** to be registered under the title of **Whanau Ora**, having to articulate and provide evidence how this Maori cultural competency is a point of difference in her nursing care which NZ Nursing Council accepted in 2005 and has proved to be a benchmark for other nurses seeking to work within Maori communities.