

Dr. Hinemoa Elder



1979-1982

Hinemoa Elder chose to pursue a career in Medicine after working in the arts and television after her mother developed breast cancer and passed away. She could see a critical need for Maori Doctors working with whanau.

She developed a way for health workers who are working with Maori whanau with traumatic brain injuries to measure cultural needs, a theory and practice which can withstand critique from Te Ao Māori and western science. What she has developed will likely help in wider fields such as mental health and addictions.

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“Your culture is a rich source of inspiration and nurturance. Immerse yourself in your cultural identity.”

