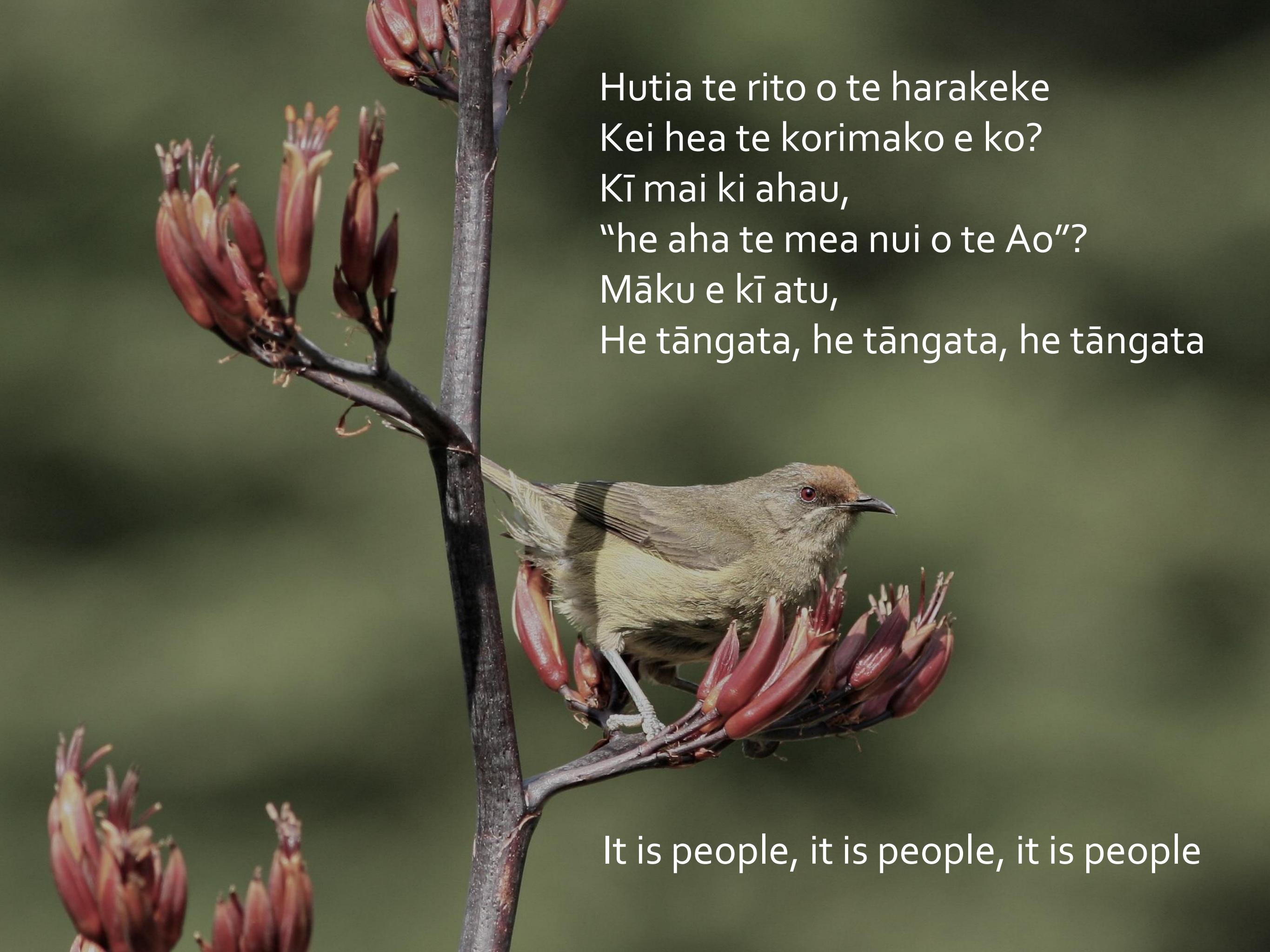


# Te Rito o Te Harakeke

A Māori perspective on Medical Work

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A small, brown and yellow bird is perched on a dark branch. The bird has a reddish-brown head, a yellowish-green body, and a dark beak. It is looking to the right. The branch it is perched on has several clusters of red, tubular flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Hutia te rito o te harakeke  
Kei hea te korimako e ko?  
Kī mai ki ahau,  
“he aha te mea nui o te Ao”?  
Māku e kī atu,  
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

It is people, it is people, it is people

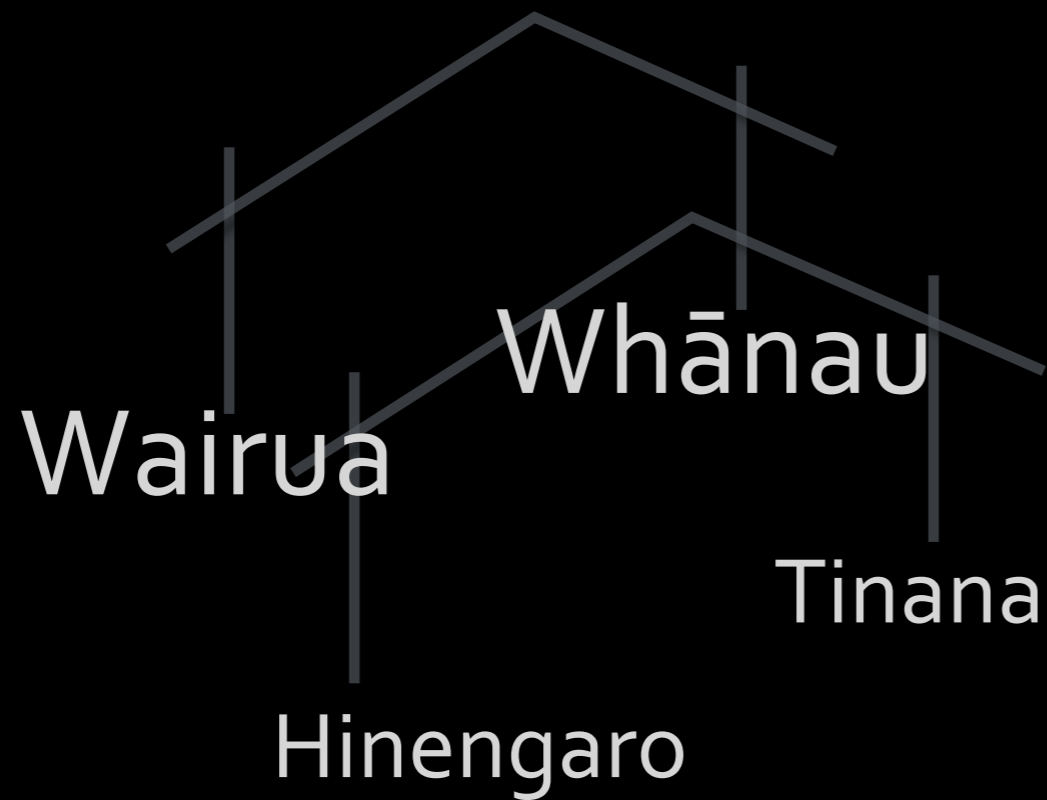


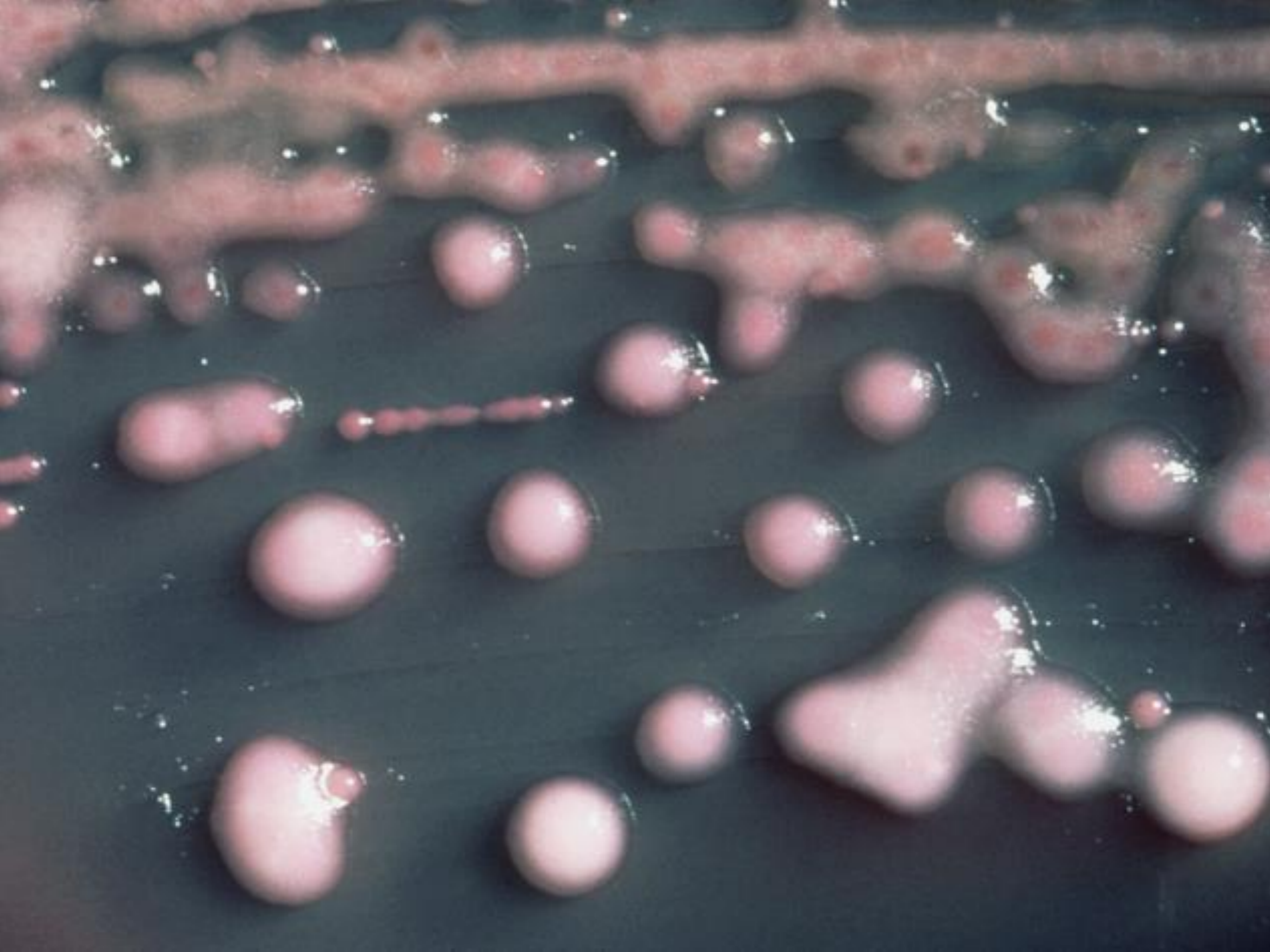
# Te Whare Tapa Whā

Durie 1985



Sir Mason Durie  
Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti  
Raukawa, Rangitāne





# Grundversuche

## Klebs 1876



Edwin Klebs  
1834–1913

- (1) all bacteria are pathological
- (2) bacteria never arise spontaneously
- (3) every disease is caused only by bacteria
- (4) bacteria that cause distinguishable disease are distinguishable

# Physical, Mental, Social

WHO 1946



Brock Chisholm  
1896–1971

“Health is a state of physical fitness and of mental and social well-being, not only the absence of infirmity and disease”



“Considerable unanimity has emerged ... to suggest a Māori health perspective that differs from a Western perspective and finds the W H O definition wanting” (Durie, 1985)

# Total Pain

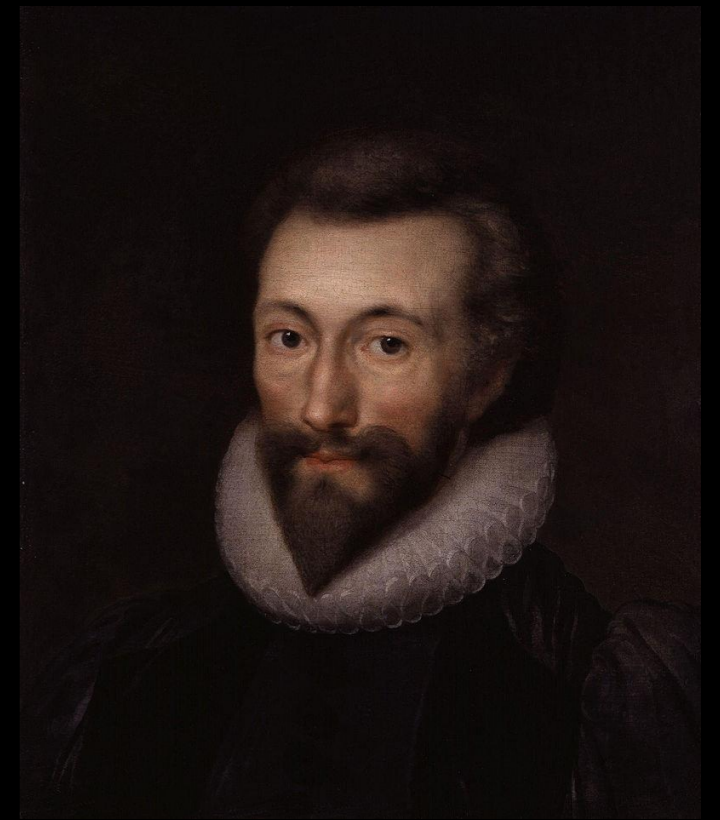
## Care of Terminal Cancer 1967



Cicely Saunders  
1918–2005

“... not only physical symptoms but also mental distress and social or spiritual problems”





John Donne  
1572–1631

'No man is an iland, intire of it selfe; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine owne were; any mans death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee....'"



R. Priseman, 2004  
Wellcome Collection gallery



Ko te tangata te rito o te harakeke





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