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| **Māori Leadership model** |
| **Setting/Problem:** Longstanding and persistent disparities in health outcomes, and a lack of health system responsiveness have characterised the position of Māori in Aotearoa/New Zealand for many decades. Ethnic inequalities between Māori and non-Māori are the most consistent and compelling inequities in health and are a result of basic inequities in access to power, money and resources. Central to addressing these complex problems is the role of Māori leadership, grounded in notions of indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. The aim of this oral presentation is to present an example of a successful indigenous Māori Leadership model, and propose that the key elements of the model could be transferable to other indigenous settings elsewhere to make a sustainable positive difference. **Intervention:**A total of 42 Māori leadership wananga (programmes) involving more than 730 graduates, have been undertaken since 2002. Based on evaluations of the programme, and the experience gained facilitating them a series of themes have been identified.**Results:**Seven common themes have emerged to help inform sustainable indigenous leadership. The themes are: location, timing, speakers, an action project, self-determination, ethical leadership and trust.**Implications:**This Māori leadership model has made an important contribution to defining and then developing the capacity and capability of indigenous leadership in New Zealand. The model promotes and validates Māori consciousness as the basis for leadership and action to effect positive change. Variations of the model could be used to guide the development of indigenous leadership curricula elsewhere in the world.  |