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2026 NZSHCD Annual Conference Programme

24-25 JULY 2026 - Novotel Rotorua Lakeside



Friday 24 July	
8.00am	Registration
	Session 1 Chair: Dr Sarah Bradley
8.30am	Welcome & opening karakia
9.00am	Opening address: Her Worship the Mayor of Rotorua, Tania Tapsell
	Dr Kathy Fuge & Leeann Waaka, Co-leads Oral Health National Clinical Network. Update
9.30am	Dr Felix Creighton-Syme, HO Canterbury. Retrospective case series of ORN experiences among CDHB patients
9.45am	Dr Rhea Bhide, Maxfac HO, Waikato. Time to adjuvant radiotherapy after free flap reconstruction for head and neck malignancies
10.00am	Dr Eric Minotte, Maxfac HO Waikato. Rethinking surveillance following oral cancer reconstruction
10.15am	Dr Kartika Kajal, PhD student (Dental Public Health) Otago. I'm scared s***less of the dentist": experiences of dental anxiety from 15 to 52
10.30am	Morning tea sponsored by Complete Healthcare Solutions
	Session 2 Chair: Dr Leonard Chia
11.00am	Dr Amelia Hall, HO Hawkes Bay. When teeth become the enemy: A rare case of self-inflicted oral injury
11.15am	Dr Rachel Liu, HO Te Tai Tokerau-Northland. Nail biting behaviours in special needs patients
11.30am	Dr Rikshant Anand, Dental HO Waikato. Quantifying oral health inequity: A retrospective review of paediatric dental general anesthesia lists at Waikato Hospital
11.45am	Dr Kauri Turangi-Joseph, HO Te Tai Tokerau-Northland. A rural journey and the struggle of receiving care for rural patients in our region
12.00pm	Ms Chan Dixon, Senior Industrial Officer ASMS. Update from ASMS
12.15pm	Lunch sponsored by Mobile Health Group (ADO Meeting)
	Session 3 Chair: Dr Donna Kennedy
1.30pm	Dame Helen Stokes-Lampard, National CMO, HNZ. A 'fireside chat', facilitated by Dr Riana Clarke
2.15pm	Dr Alice Boyd, HO Auckland. We'll figure it out on the day - Dental management of patients with severe obesity
2.30pm	Dr Yu Jun Yeap, Dental HO, Waikato. Hospital-based dental management of a patient with poorly controlled Type 1 diabetes
2.45pm	Dr Cameron Young, HO Auckland. Beyond blood sugars: What dentists need to know about SGLT2 inhibitors
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
	Session 4 Chair: Dr Andrea Kelsen
3.30pm	Dr Katie Williamson, HO Capital & Coast. A bloody bad situation
3.45pm	Dr Danielle Symes, HO Hutt Valley. More than a rash
4.00pm	Dr Hadleigh Clark, Oral Medicine Specialist, Auckland. A Rocky Horror Picture Show
4.15pm	Quiz: Presented by Quiz Master Dr Graeme Ting
5.30pm	Presidents shout

Saturday 25 July	
7.00am	Wellness walk sponsored by Complete Healthcare Solutions
	<i>Meet 6.50am</i>
	Session 5 Chair: Dr Pip MacDonald
9.00am	Dr Katie Fraher, HO Canterbury. Is late really better than never? Nerve injury assessment and referral
9.15am	Dr Jasmine Prince, HO Capital & Coast. Transforming our Place
9.30am	Dr Jayden Rutherford-Jones, Maxfac HO, Waikato. A case report on the diagnosis and conservative management of a bilateral maxillary lesion
9.45am	Dr Ana Downey, HO Hutt Valley. Her too? - A case series
10.00am	Dr Teina Watling, HO Te Tai Tokerau-Northland. Beyond toothache: dental presentations in Northland Emergency Departments (Clinical audit)
10.15am	Dr Robin Whyman, Director (Dental Policy), NZDA. Oral health and advocacy
10.30am	Morning tea sponsored by NSK
	Session 6 Chair: Dr Manisha Narsinh
11.00am	Dr Tim MacKay, PDO Te Waipounamu. It was there a minute ago
11.15am	Dr Laura Clarke, HO Auckland. More than meets the eye: An unexpected complication of maxillary molar extraction
11.30am	Dr Amelia DeMarco, Registrar, Auckland. Cabbages and cheese
11.45am	Dr Khatijah Shariff, HO Mid-Central. Cemento-ossifying fibroma (case study)
12.00pm	Dr Wayne Gillingham, OMFS, Hutt Valley. It only needs to be perfect
12.30pm	Lunch sponsored by Henry Schein
	Session 7 Chair: Dr Ellen Clark
1.30pm	Dr Patrina Lo, Dental HO Waikato. Retrospective review on Gateway children referred through Waikato Hospital 2025
1.45pm	Dr KC Treanor, HO Nelson-Marlborough. When the pieces don't quite fit: Reflections on a paediatric dental referral
2.00pm	Dr Vaishnavi Yelewarapu, PhD student (Dental Public Health), Otago. The feasibility of using minimally worded digital comics for adult oral health promotion in NZ
2.15pm	Dr Liz Hitchings, Senior Dentist, Capital & Coast. It's (almost) time to say 'Goodbye'
2.30pm	Dr Graeme Ting Update on the RACDS training pathways
2.45pm	Closing karakia
3.00pm	Afternoon tea and NZSHCD AGM
6.00pm	Predinner drinks
7.00pm	Dinner, Prizegiving & Band at Terrace Kitchen