



Te Awa Ora – Paediatric Acute Care Conference 2026

15 – 17 October 2026

Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre
Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand

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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
AS AT 21 AUGUST 2026**

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER – APLS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - APLS AUSTRALIA DIRECTORS MEETING AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOON

8.30am	Registration desk open			
9.00am – 11.15am	DIRECTORS MEETING – APLS Faculty Venue: Conway 4 - 5 Chair: Damaya Rasanathan and Marissa Alexander			
11.15am – 12.30pm	APLS New Zealand – Course Updates		APLS Australia – Course Update	
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Lunch			
1.00pm – 2.30pm	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOON Venue: Conway 4 - 5 Chair: Marissa Alexander			
1.05pm – 2.30pm	Beyond the Reluctant Learner: Understanding Engagement Through the Learner and Their Environment <i>Laura Newhouse, Tim Wilkinson</i>			
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Afternoon Tea			
3.00pm – 5.15pm	Faculty Development Afternoon Workshop Venue: Conway 4 - 5	Faculty Development Afternoon Workshop Venue: Conway 3	Faculty Development Afternoon Workshop Venue: Conway 2	Faculty Development Afternoon Workshop Venue: Conway 1
5.15pm – 6.15pm	Welcome Function <i>Te Pae</i>			

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER				
7.30am	Registration desk open			
8.30am – 10.30am	Plenary Session 1 Venue: Conway 1 - 5 Chair:			
8.30am – 9.15am	Mihi Whakatau Welcome address Mike Shepherd			
9.15am – 10.00am	Opening plenary <i>Lucy Hone</i>			
10.00am – 10.30am	From the Other Side of the Fence <i>Laura Joyce</i>			
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea			
11.00am – 12.30pm	Plenary Session 2 – Resuscitation Venue: Conway 1 - 5 Chair: Trevor Kuang			
11.00am – 11.15am	Sepsis Recognition <i>John Garrett</i>			
11.15am – 11.30am	ILCOR <i>Gabrielle Nuthall</i>			
11.30am – 11.45pm	Sepsis <i>Elliot Long</i>			
11.45am – 12.00pm	Deteriorating Patient <i>Simon Craig</i>			
12.00pm – 12.15pm	Paediatric Emergencies in Palliative Care <i>Amanda Lyver</i>			
12.15pm – 12.30pm	Q&A Panel Discussion			
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch			
	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS			
1.30pm – 3.00pm	1A: PEM in a Mixed Hospital Chair: Damaya Rasanathan <i>Jo Cole, Christine Brabyn, Tom Townend, Loana Tanielu</i> A workshop featuring 4 Emergency Medicine Specialists from across Aotearoa New Zealand explore practical approaches to building paediatric emergency medicine capability within mixed ED settings. Drawing on experience from hospitals of varying sizes and	1B: Clinical Hot Debriefing Chair: Laura Joyce <i>Maggie Meeks, Christine Beasley Lyn Pugh</i> The wellbeing of healthcare workers is often negatively impacted not just by major critical incidents, but by the cumulative "wear and tear" of daily moral distress. This workshop explores how implementing immediate, voluntary post-event "hot" debriefs can significantly	1C: POCUS Workshop Chair: Trevor Kuang <i>Jacques Loubser</i> <i>Limited to 20 people</i> Paediatric Lung Ultrasound: A hands-on workshop where you will learn practical skills to use in your next appropriate patient encounter. Participants will learn key sonographic patterns in the assessment of common paediatric presentations such as pneumonia	1D: Waka on Avon Experience <i>Additional cost \$80</i> <i>Limited to 28 people</i> This waka paddling experience is an amazing historical and cultural trip on Ōtākaro Avon River. Arrive as manuhiri (visitor). Leave as whānau (family). Experience manaakitanga, the spirit of hospitality, generosity, and care, as Ngāi Tūāhuriri kaiārahi (guides) welcome you onto the Ōtākaro Avon River with an official

	locations, the panel aims to collect and share challenges such as maintaining clinical exposure, supporting staff confidence, and adapting to resource differences. Share your experience with us and others or join us to get some ideas for your setting.	reduce short- and long-term trauma, ultimately protecting the health of our staff and the communities they serve.	and bronchiolitis. Emphasis will be placed on image acquisition, interpretation, and clinical integration.	mihi whakatau. Learn the kaihoe warm-up and kaihoe haka. Paddle the spring-fed waters of a mahinga kai (traditional food source) that sustained generations. Learn about mātauranga, knowledge handed from generation to generation.
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea			
	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS			
3.30pm – 5.00pm	2A: PEM in a Mixed Hospital <i>Repeat of 1A – see above</i> Chair: Trevor Kuang Joanna Cole, Christine Brabyn, Tom Townend, Loana Tanielu	2B: Clinical Hot Debriefing <i>Repeat of 1B – see above</i> Chair: Damaya Rasanathan Maggie Meeks, Christine Beasley Lyn Pugh	2C: POCUS Workshop <i>Repeat of 1C – see above</i> <i>Limited to 20 people</i> Chair: Laura Joyce Jacques Loubser	2D: Waka on Avon Experience <i>Repeat of 1D – see above</i> <i>Limited to 28 people – additional cost</i>
6.30pm	Conference Dinner <i>Waitaki Room, Te Pae</i>			

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER	
8.00am	Registration desk open
8.25am – 10.30am	Plenary Session 3 - Predict Prelude: Unveiling Practical Insights from Paediatric Research Venue: Conway 1 – 5 Chair: Stuart Dalziel
8.25am	Housekeeping
8.30am – 8.50am	PREDICT – Fluid Trial <i>Elliott Long</i>
8.50am – 9.10am	PREDICT - Appendix <i>Meredith Borland</i>
9.10am – 9.23am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Chris Connolly</i>
9.23am – 9.36am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Laura Hamill</i>
9.36am – 9.49am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Stuart Dalziel</i>
9.10am – 10.10am	Q & A Panel discussion
10.10am – 10.20am	Moving with Confidence: Using Simulation to Support Department Relocation <i>Rosanne Verow</i>
10.20am – 10.30am	Improving Multidisciplinary Communication in Paediatric Acute Care Through Standardised Clinical Documentation: A Quality Improvement Project <i>Maisie de Wolf</i>

10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.45pm	Plenary Session 4 - Paediatric Medicine Venue: Conway 1 - 5 Chair: Damaya Rasanathan
11.00am – 11.20am	ICS / Asthma <i>Stuart Dalziel</i>
11.20am – 11.40am	Paediatric Cardiologist Pearls <i>Judith McCormack</i>
11.40am – 12.00pm	Neonatal Sepsis and Strep B <i>Jane Miller</i>
12.00pm – 12.20pm	Common Pitfalls in the Management of Critically Unwell Toxicology Patients <i>Sarah Buller</i>
12.20pm – 12.45pm	Q & A Panel Discussion
12.45pm – 1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm – 3.10pm	Plenary Session 5 – Trauma Venue: Conway 1 - 5 Chair: Stuart Dalziel
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Cervical Spine <i>Natalie Phillips</i>
2.10pm – 2.30pm	Paeds Trauma <i>Rosemary Lane</i>
2.30pm – 2.50pm	Head Injury – Concussion <i>Vicki Anderson</i>
2.50pm – 3.10pm	Q & A Panel Discussion
3.10pm – 3.40pm	Afternoon Tea
3.40pm – 4.45pm	Plenary Session Venue: Conway 1 - 5 Chair:
3.40pm – 4.10pm	Paediatric Virtual ED <i>Joanna Lawrence</i>
4.10pm – 4.45pm	Closing Keynote - Words Matter <i>Ben van der Griend</i>
4.45pm – 4.50pm	APLS Australia
4.50pm	Conference Close