



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 25 MAY 2026**

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER – APLS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

9.00am	Registration desk open	
9.30am – 12.00pm	DIRECTORS MEETING – APLS Faculty	
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Lunch	
12.30pm – 2.00pm	INSTRUCTORS AFTERNOON – APLS Faculty	INSTRUCTORS AFTERNOON - APLS Faculty
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
2.30pm – 5.05pm	INSTRUCTORS AFTERNOON – APLS Faculty	INSTRUCTORS AFTERNOON – APLS Faculty
5.05pm – 6.15pm	Welcome Function <i>Te Pae</i>	

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

7.30am	Registration desk open	
8.30am – 10.30am	Plenary Session	
8.30am – 9.15am	Powhiri/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 - Resuscitation	
11.00am – 11.15am	Intubation	
11.15am – 11.30am	ILCOR <i>Gabrielle Nuthall</i>	

11.30am – 11.45pm	Sepsis Elliot Long			
11.45am – 12.00pm	Deteriorating Patient Simon Craig			
12.00pm – 12.15pm	Paediatric Emergencies in Palliative Care Emily Chang			
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 <i>Joanna 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 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.	1B: Clinical Hot Debriefing <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 reduce short- and long-term trauma, ultimately protecting the health of our staff and the communities they serve.	1C: POCUS Workshop <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 and bronchiolitis. Emphasis will be placed on image acquisition, interpretation, and clinical integration.	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 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> <i>Joanna Cole, Christine Brabyn, Trevor Kuang, Loana Tanielu</i>	2B: Clinical Hot Debriefing <i>Repeat of 1B – see above</i> <i>Maggie Meeks, Christine Beasley Lyn Pugh</i>	2C: POCUS Workshop <i>Repeat of 1C – see above</i> <i>Limited to 20 people</i> <i>Jacques Loubser</i>	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 - Predict Prelude: Unveiling Practical Insights from Paediatric Research 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 – 9.20am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Chris Connolly</i>
9.20am – 9.30am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Trevor Kuang</i>
9.30am – 9.40am	Punchy Papers of 2025 <i>Stuart Dalziel</i>
9.40am – 10.00am	Q & A Panel discussion
10.00am – 10.30am	TBC
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.45pm	Plenary Session - Paediatric Medicine
11.00am – 11.20am	ICS / Asthma <i>Stuart Dalziel</i>
11.20am – 11.40am	Paediatric Cardiologist Pearls
11.40am – 12.00pm	Neonatal Sepsis and Strep B <i>Jane Miller</i>
12.00pm – 12.20pm	Tox <i>Sarah Buller</i>
12.20pm – 12.45pm	Q&A Panel Discussion
12.45pm – 1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm – 3.10pm	Plenary Session - Trauma
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
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	Conference Close