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## FIRST DO NO HARM: TOWARDS SAFER PRESCRIBING IN PREGNANCY

It is clearly established that anti-seizure/mood stabilising medicines are associated with congenital malformations and neurodevelopmental or cognitive difficulties. Sodium valproate carries the greatest risk and yet it is still dispensed to 4,000 people of childbearing potential annually. This presentation, a collaboration between Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome New Zealand and ACC, explores the lived experience of Fetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome (FACS) and what you as a clinician may be able to do to recognise the risks and prevent FACS.



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