

ATSNZ Disability Expo

4-5 November 2026

Due Drop Events Centre, Manukau, Auckland



Professional Seminar Series Auckland Programme

Wednesday 4 November | Day 1

Please Note: Programme is subject to change

Time	ATSNZ: Room 1	ATSNZ: Room 2
9.00am - 9.45am	My Client Has a Wound. Now What? ***Anna Sokol***	Stroke and Equipment Provision: Are We Facilitating Best Outcomes? ***Tina Roesler***
9.45am – 10.30am	Break in Expo Hall	
10.30am – 11.15am	Beyond the Wheelchair: Keeping Real Life at the Centre of Complex Seating ***Rhona Akroyd and Kylee Black***	Working with the windsweep: dynamic seating for children with complex postural needs ***Gabriel Ramji***
11.15am – 12.00pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Assistive Technologies role in increasing intensity, capitalising neuroplasticity and driving rehabilitation outcomes ***Gilly Davy, MS Get a Head & Rope Neuro Rehabilitation***	From Factory Settings to Freedom: Why Programming Matters ***Tilly Brook***
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Looking Beyond the Pelvis: Understanding the Trunk to support Function and Participation ***Ulrike Luebcke and Dale Majer,***	Creative Solutions in Complex Paediatric Disability - Joint approach between therapist and equipment providers ***Karen Adams, Garry Stanners and Clare Molloy***
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Disability Support Services (DSS) Update ***Alistair Hill, Disability Support Services***	
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea in Expo Hall	
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Using a pressure mapper to increase the effectiveness of seating and wheelchair interventions. ***Maria Whitcombe-Shingler***	How Assistive Technology is making a difference to lives - safety, independence, and community engagement ***Shane Andrews***
4.15pm	**Expo Close**	



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Time	ATSNZ: Room 1	ATSNZ: Room 2
8.45am - 9.30am	Pressure Mapping: A Window Into Safe Seating ***Tess Wallis and Jacqui Abel***	Profiling beds – Maximising Use of Bed Functions 'In Real Life' ***Christa Roessler and Dheshini Naidoo***
9.30am – 10.15am	Break in Expo Hall	
10.15am – 11.00am	Measuring Success – Benefits of using outcome measures when considering assistive technology solutions. **Jess Vallance**	Dissecting the Power Wheelchair: The Anatomy of Real-World Outcomes ***Andrew Lopez***
11.00am – 11.45am	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
11.45am - 12.45pm	A lived experience: Suffering in silence, a life before an assistive device and its outcome. ***Ryan Anthony James Scott and Lasni Herath De Alwis***	Innovation at the Speed of Trust - AI in Clinical Practice ***Kevin Ross, Deloitte***
12.45pm – 1.30pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Wheelchair Solutions for Tricky Clients – When "Typical" Solutions just won't work…. ***Amy Bjornson***	The ABCs of Wheeled Shower Commode Chair Prescription ***Judy Rowley and Lititia Walker***
2.15pm - 3.00pm	The Power Assist Spectrum: A Comparative Framework for Clinical Selection and Trade-offs ***Ana Pacheco***	Standing, Stepping and the in-between: Exploring the use of Dynamic standing in Paediatric Programmes ***Mellinda Clarke***
3.00pm	**Expo Close**	