



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
8.30am – 9.00am	Disability Support Services (DSS) Update <i>Alistair Hill, Disability Support Services</i>	
9.00am - 9.45am	My Client Has a Wound. Now What? <i>Anna Sokol</i>	Stroke and Equipment Provision: Are We Facilitating Best Outcomes? <i>Tina Roesler</i>
9.45am – 10.30am	Break in Expo Hall	
10.30am – 11.15am	Beyond the Wheelchair: Keeping Real Life at the Centre of Complex Seating <i>Rhona Akroyd and Kylee Black</i>	Working with the windsweep: dynamic seating for children with complex postural needs <i>Gabriel Ramji</i>
11.15am – 12.00pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Assistive Technologies role in increasing intensity, capitalising neuroplasticity and driving rehabilitation outcomes <i>Gilly Davy, MS Get a Head & Rope Neuro Rehabilitation</i>	From Factory Settings to Freedom: Why Programming Matters <i>Tilly Brook</i>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Looking Beyond the Pelvis: Understanding the Trunk to support Function and Participation <i>Ulrike Luebcke and Dale Majer,</i>	Creative Solutions in Complex Paediatric Disability - Joint approach between therapist and equipment providers <i>Karen Adams, Garry Stanners and Clare Molloy</i>
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. <i>Maria Whitcombe-Shingler</i>	How Assistive Technology is making a difference to lives - safety, independence, and community engagement <i>Shane Andrews</i>
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 <i>Tess Wallis and Jacqui Abel</i>	Profiling beds – Maximising Use of Bed Functions ‘In Real Life’ <i>Christa Roessler and Dheshini Naidoo</i>
9.30am – 10.15am	Break in Expo Hall	
10.15am – 11.00am	Measuring Success – Benefits of using outcome measures when considering assistive technology solutions. <i>Jess Vallance</i>	Dissecting the Power Wheelchair: The Anatomy of Real-World Outcomes <i>Andrew Lopez</i>
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. <i>Ryan Anthony James Scott and Lasni Herath De Alwis</i>	Innovation at the Speed of Trust - AI in Clinical Practice <i>Kevin Ross, Deloitte</i>
12.45pm – 1.30pm	Poster Session – Seminar Area	
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Wheelchair Solutions for Tricky Clients – When “Typical” Solutions just won’t work.... <i>Amy Bjornson</i>	The ABCs of Wheeled Shower Commode Chair Prescription <i>Judy Rowley and Lititia Walker</i>
2.15pm - 3.00pm	The Power Assist Spectrum: A Comparative Framework for Clinical Selection and Trade-offs <i>Ana Pacheco</i>	Standing, Stepping and the in-between: Exploring the use of Dynamic standing in Paediatric Programmes <i>Mellinda Clarke</i>
3.00pm	Expo Close	