



Wednesday 4 November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME DETAILS	LOCATION
14.00	Special Interest Group Meeting • Case based approaches to the treatment of Functional neurological disorder	Napier War Memorial Centre
18.00	Welcome Function	Hawke's Bay Club
20.00	Welcome Function Ends	

Thursday 5 November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME DETAILS		LOCATION
0815	Opening Session		Ballroom
0830	Functional neurological disorders - Where have we come from and where are we going?	FND: Past, Present and Future Prof. Jon Stone	
		Busting some myths about Functional/Dissociative Seizures Prof. Markus Reuber	
1030	Morning Tea		Exhibition Hall
1100	How to treat FND	What can psychotherapy and psychiatric care offer? Dr. Chris Kenedi	Ballroom
		The neurologist's role in the management of FND Dr. David Palmer	
	FND treatment panel discussion Prof Markus Reuber, Prof Jon Stone, Dr Chris Kenedi and Dr David Palmer		Ballroom

1230	Lunch	Exhibition Hall
1330	Two views across the borderlands of epilepsy Prof. Markus Reuber Dr Rod Duncan	Ballroom
1500	Afternoon Tea	Exhibition Hall
Registrar Talks and Poster Presentations		Ballroom
15.30	Longitudinal quantitative muscle ultrasound assessment in adults with spinal muscular atrophy Dr Shuyu Guo	
15.40	LGI1 Encephalitis Presenting with a Neurocardiac Prodrome Dr Chuen Siang Low	
15.50	Disc-ernment Required: When IIH Isn't IIH Dr Krishna Rajan	
16.00	A Stroke of Genius Dr Zhi-Miin Ong	
16.10	T-cell Lymphoma Presenting as Encephalopathy with CNS Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis Mimicking PRES Dr Daniel Wellington	
16.20	Anti-GAD65 Autoimmune Encephalitis with unusual features Dr Daniel Wellington	
16.30	Refractory Seizures and a Disappearing Glioma Dr Harrison Kay	
16.40	Auricles to Amnesia Dr Maria McDowel-Hook	
17.00	AGM	
17.45	Ends	
18.30	Transfers depart from the entrance of Napier Memorial Centre	Napier Memorial Centre
18.45	Conference Dinner at Church Road Winery	Church Road Winery
22.00/22.30	Transfers return to Napier Memorial Centre	Napier Memorial Centre

Friday 6 November 2026

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Treatment advances in neuromuscular disease across the lifespan:		Ballroom
08.30	Tracking transition in Pūnaha Io to the NZ registry and Biobank. Implications for adult neurology services Ms. Miriam Rodrigues	
08.55	Exploring health and service use of people with monogenic neurogenetic disorders in New Zealand using the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) Mrs Sarah Nagar	
09.20	Epigenetic silencing in FSHD: preliminary clinical safety and efficacy of the novel gene therapy EPI-321 Prof Richard Roxburgh	
09.45	SMA Care in a New Era: From Childhood to Adulthood Prof. Gina O’Grady	
10.20	Panel discussion Dr Miriam Rodrigues, Mrs Sarah Nagar, Prof Richard Roxburgh, Prof. Gina O’Grady	
10.30	Morning Tea	Exhibition Hall
11.00	Conversation Analysis as a diagnostic method in neurology Prof. Markus Reuber	Ballroom
11.45	Nutraceuticals in Neurology: Separating the Evidence from the Enthusiasm Dr Ray Bose	
12.05	20 mins in the head of a dermatologist Dr Sabine Sommer	
12.30	Lunch	
13.30	CPC –Clinico-pathological conference Dr Cathy Zhong	Ballroom
Trainee Audits and case series		
14.20	The timeliness of medical interventions for spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage in Wellington Hospital 2022-2025 Dr Jamie Mitchell	
14.30	Low prevalence of cardiac thrombi detected on acute CT in patients with transient ischaemic attack	

	Dr Shuyu Guo	
14.40	Towards a First Seizure Pathway in the Bay of Plenty Dr Harrison Kay	
14.50	Retrospective Audit of Status Epilepticus Management at Waitemata (2019 -2024) Ms Jessica Pausch	
15.00	Afternoon Tea	Exhibition Hall
Member Presentations		Ballroom
15.30	Management of systolic blood pressure during endovascular thrombectomy under general anaesthesia for acute ischaemic stroke (MASTERSTROKE) Professor Alan Barber	
15.40	Beyond Ataxia: Vestibular and Oculomotor Characteristics in Autosomal Dominant Spinocerebellar Ataxia Dr Rachel Taylor	
15.50	Ocrelizumab and non-viral liver injury, report characteristics; a case report and case series Dr Nicole McGrath	
16.00	Rapid and sustained improvement of Functional Neurological Disorder with a novel treatment strategy: interim results from the STEP-FMD study. Mr Benjamin Scrivener	
16.10	The NZ Clinical Genetic Testing for Motor Neuron Disease Guideline, and experience treating genetic MND in Aotearoa Dr Sarah Buchanan	
16.20	A simple nerve ultrasound protocol to screen patients for RFC1 expansion testing in chronic idiopathic axonal polyneuropathy. Dr Luciana Pelosi	
16.30	Awards and Conference Close Presentation for Best case and Best Trainee project	
16.40	Ends	