

NZDSI 2026 Annual Conference | Scientific Program (subject to change without notice)

Wednesday 26 August		
1400-1700	Registrar Teaching session	
<i>Chair:</i>		
1400-1430	Are robots taking over? AI in dermatology	Prof April Armstrong
1430-1530	Paediatric alopecia	Dr Cristina Mello
1530-1545	Refreshments break	
1545-1615	Light, lasers and the living barrier: practical dermatology beyond the textbook	Dr John Sullivan
1615-1645	Wellness talk topic	Dr Sara Dill
1645-1700	NZDSI roles, responsibilities and opportunities	Dr Amy Stanway
	NZDSI Subcommittee Meetings	<i>Claudelands Event Centre</i>
1300-1400	DermNet AGM (Open to DermNet Trustees only)	
1400-1600	NZDSI Exec Meeting	
1430-1700	Pre - conference hands-on laser workshop, Dermatology Department, Waikato Hospital. <i>Limited numbers, must be booked in advance</i>	Dr Reinhard Gansel
1730-1900	NZDSI Annual Conference Welcome Function - Industry Exhibition Area, Claudelands	
Thursday 27 August		
0830-1000	Session 1 Keynote presentations	
<i>Chair:</i>		
0830-0845	Welcome and housekeeping	Dr Scott Barker - NZDSI President Conference Convenors
0845-0915	The paradox of choice: optimizing therapies for psoriasis	Prof April Armstrong
0915-0945	Integrated dermatology: rethinking energy-based devices as disease-modifying platforms	Dr John Sullivan
1000-1030	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1030-1100	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition - New Zealand Dermatological Nurses Society Conference Delegates</i>	
1030-1230	Session 2 Turnbull Hodge Award Presentations	
<i>Chair:</i>		
1030-1045		
1045-1100		
1100-1115		
1115-1130	Turnbull Hodge Award papers successfully accepted on deadline of abstract submissions on 7 June	
1130-1145		
1145-1200		
1200-1215		
1215-1230		
1230-1330	<i>Lunch, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1230-1330	<i>NZSMS Meeting</i>	
1330-1500	Session 3 Anthony Yung Memorial Session	
<i>Chair:</i>		
1330-1410	Cultural safety for the LGBTQ community (resources and links available post conference on-demand)	Dr Cindy Towns
1410-1430	Dr Anthony Yung Acknowledgement and Memorial Lecture: New and emerging therapies for atopic dermatitis	Prof April Armstrong
1430-1445	RACP Training Update	Ms Meghan Gannon, Mr Jared Woodrooffe
1500-1530	<i>Afternoon Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1530-1700	Session 4	
<i>Chair:</i>		
1530-1630	Cultural safety Managing conflict (available post conference on-demand)	Dr Louise Webster
1630-1645	L'Oréal Research Grant Recipient Presentation	
1700	Industry Cocktail Session, sponsored by Propaira Why Propaira makes sense: Mr Baz Hamo, CEO Propaira	
1800	Conference Close	

Friday 28 August		
0730-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by L'Oreal	
0830-1000	Session 5	
Chair:		
0830-0900	Paediatric nail disease	Dr Cristina Mello
1000-1030	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1000-1030	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition - New Zealand Dermatological Nurses Society Conference Delegates</i>	
1030-1200	Session 6	
Chair:		
1030-1100	Beyond the device: timing, depth and biologic optimisation in procedural dermatology	Dr John Sullivan
1100-1115	Galderma Fellowship Recipient Presentation	Speaker to be confirmed
1115-1145	Advances in AI - what dermatologists need to know	Mr Latif Abid
1200-1300	<i>Lunch, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1200-1300	<i>NZCDSG Meeting</i>	
1300-1430	Session 7 Skin cancer session	
Chair:	<i>Dr Lissa Judd</i>	
1300-1320	Lifetime costs of melanoma and keratinocyte cancers in New Zealand: current estimates and projections	Mr Ryan Gage
1320-1340	Occupational ultraviolet exposure and skin cancer: implications for ACC coverage and prevention	Dr Bronwen McNoe
1340-1400	Community Skin Cancer Working Group – updates and perspectives	Dr Mark Taylor
1400-1420	Occupational skin cancer: ACC pathways for clinicians	Mr James Villanueva
1420-1430	The skin cancer crisis : debate and discussion	Ms Bronwen McNoe, Mr James Villanueva, Mr Ryan Gage, Dr Mark Taylor
1430-1500	<i>Afternoon Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i> <i>Prize announcements: QR Quest, Most Sustainable Stand Award</i>	
1500-1730	Session 8 Audit and AGM	
Chair:		
1515-1530	Audit (available post conference on-demand)	Dr Karen Koch
1530-1730	NZDSI AGM	
1845-2230	<i>Conference Dinner - Classics Museum, 11 Rainside Place, Hamilton (Return transfers provided)</i>	
Saturday 29 August		
0730-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by AbbVie	
0830-1030	Session 9 Dermatopathology	
Chair:		
0830-0930	Clinical and Pathological Correlation (CPC) cases	Dr Geetika Seth, Dr Ben Tallon, Dr Nick Turnbull, Dr Leah Jones
0930-1030	Dermoscopy Masterclass	Prof Amanda Oakley, Dr Karen Koch, Dr Moushumi Das and others
1030-1100	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1100-1215	Session 10	
Chair:		
1100-1130	Redefining photoprotection: from UV blocking to molecular damage control	Dr John Sullivan
1130-1200	JAK of all trades: Use of JAK inhibitors in atopic dermatitis and beyond	Prof April Armstrong
1200-1215	Q & A: Burning questions or anecdotes you didn't get time to ask	
1215-1225	Announcement of 2027 location and venue Conference close	Conference Convenors Dr Scott Barker - NZDSI President
1225-1230	<i>Farewell takeaway lunch</i>	