

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

Wednesday 26 August		
1345	Afternoon tea - Trainee Session	Heaphy 3 Foyer
1400-1700	Registrar Teaching Session	Heaphy 3
Chair:	Dr Moushumi Das	
1400-1430	Are robots taking over? AI in dermatology	Prof April Armstrong Dr Cristina Mello Dr John Sullivan Dr Sara Dill Dr Marius Rademaker Dr Amy Stanway
1430-1500	Paediatric alopecia	
1500-1530	Light, lasers and the living barrier: practical dermatology beyond the textbook	
1530-1600	Wellness	
1600-1645	A dermatologists' perspective of adverse drug reactions	
1645-1700	NZDSI roles, responsibilities and opportunities	
	NZDSI SubCommittee Meetings	Brooklyn 1
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. Dr Reinhard Gansel
1730-1900	NZDSI Annual Conference Welcome Function - Industry Exhibition Area, Claudelands	
1800-1820	Informal Posters Q & A - Explore the poster displays and speak with the presenters about their work	
Thursday 27 August		
0830-1000	Session 1 Keynote presentations	Heaphy 3
Chairs:	Dr Karen Koch, Prof Amanda Oakley	
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
0945-1000	First Nations dermatology – some learnings from Australia	Dr Lachlan Warren
1000-1030	Morning Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition	
1030-1230	Session 2 Turnbull Hodge Award Presentations	Heaphy 3
Chairs:	Dr Geetika Seth, Dr Moushumi Das	
1030-1045	Real-world phototherapy outcomes in inflammatory skin disease	Dr Hamish Wu Dr Julia Berney Dr Sarah Seol Dr Nathaniel Triffitt Dr Terry Kim Dr Elizaveta Rakhmanova Dr Gabrielle McLean
1045-1100	Community initiation of methotrexate for inflammatory skin disease through a shared-care pathway: a retrospective audit of uptake, clinical burden and safety	
1100-1115	SUNTRAC prediction of skin cancer risk in Waikato renal transplant recipient: A 5- and 10-Year analysis:	
1115-1130	Treatment of acquired reactive perforating collagenosis: a systematic review	
1130-1145	Patch test characteristics in patients with psoriasis: A case-controlled comparative study	
1145-1200	Upadacitinib for atopic dermatitis: the Canterbury experience	
1200-1215	27 years of toxic epidermal necrolysis at the national burns centre	
1215-1230	Q & A - Unanswered questions from the floor	
1230-1330	Lunch, Posters & Industry Exhibition	
1230-1330	NZSMS Meeting	Brooklyn 1
1330-1500	Session 3 Anthony Yung Memorial Session	Heaphy 3
Chairs:	Dr Reinhard Gansel, Dr Sabine Sommer	
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, Ms Eleanor Darton-Rooke
1445-1500	"There's nowt so queer as folk" How we behave	Dr Sabine Sommer
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition	
1530-1700	Session 4	Heaphy 3
Chair:	Dr Geetika Seth	
1530-1630	Professional Development and Ethics Recognising and managing conflict between families and staff – an introduction (available post conference on-demand)	Dr Louise Webster
1630-1640	L'Oréal Research Grant Recipient Presentation: Social media exposure and short-form video narratives of topical steroid withdrawal: a mixed-methods study	Dr Terry Kim
1640-1650	From mint to metals: mapping allergens in NZ oral hygiene products	Miss Danielle Flores
1650-1700	Topical steroid withdrawal and adverse effects of topical corticosteroids in vulval lichen sclerosus: a single-centre retrospective study	Mr George Yang
1700-1800	Industry Cocktail Session, sponsored by Propaira. Why Propaira makes sense. Speakers: Mr Baz Hamo, Dr John Relic	Brooklyn 1

Friday 28 August				
0730-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by L'Oreal. Beyond the surface: Translating the 'scars of life' with the itch/scratch cycle and microbiome in atopic dermatitis. <i>Speaker: Prof Susan Robertson</i>			Brooklyn 1
0830-1000	Session 5A Paediatrics	Heaphy 3	0830-1000	Session 5B Surgical
Chair:	Dr Lydia Chan		Chair:	Dr Reinhard Gansel
0830-0855	Paediatric nail disease	Dr Cristina Mello	0830-0900	Beyond the device: timing, depth and biologic optimisation in procedural dermatology
0855-0920	Vascular anomalies: an update on genetic basis and targeted therapies	Prof Susan Robertson	0900-0915	Melanoma incidence, histopathology and access to care in the South Island of Aotearoa, New Zealand.
0920-0930	Why I stab children: genetics and clinicopathological correlations from Starship Paediatric Dermatology	Dr Anna Luo	0915-0930	Basal cell carcinoma treated with radioisotope P-32 / Re-188 incorporated radioactive skin patches – a novel therapeutic modality
0930-0940	Development of a dedicated paediatric baseline series for New Zealand	Dr Aysha Wilson	0930-0945	Lessons learnt from the introduction of a new radiotherapy skin cancer treatment
0940-1000	Different settings, shared diseases: paediatric dermatology from South Africa	Dr Carol Hlela	0945-1000	Ozempic face: facial changes associated with GLP-1 weight loss
1000-1030	Morning Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition			
1000-1030	Morning Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition - New Zealand Dermatological Nurses Society Conference Delegates			
1030-1200	Session 6			Heaphy 3
Chair:	Dr Amy Stanway			
1030-1050	Advances in AI - what dermatologists need to know			Mr Latif Abid
1050-1100	Galderma Fellowship presentation - National Skin Centre, Singapore			Dr Bob Chan
1100-1115	Beta-blockers for infantile haemangioma: response, tolerability and treatment completion in the Waikato			Dr Jeffrey Lee
1115-1130	Adverse events during NBUBV phototherapy other than erythema			Dr Lissa Judd
1130-1145	Current and emerging evidence for secondary prevention to mitigate the increasing burden of skin cancer			Dr David Lim
1145-1200	The impacts of policy decisions on skin cancer management: The hidden fallacy of per-service cost minimisation			Dr David Lim
1200-1300	Lunch, Posters & Industry Exhibition			
1200-1300	NZCDSG Meeting			
1230-1315	Lunch, Posters & Industry Exhibition - New Zealand Dermatological Nurses Society Conference Delegates			
1300-1430	Session 7 Skin cancer session			Heaphy 3
Chair:	Dr Lissa Judd			
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
				Ms Bronwen McNoe, Mr James Villanueva, Mr Ryan Gage, Dr Mark Taylor
1420-1430	The skin cancer crisis : debate and discussion			
1430-1500	Afternoon Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition, Prize announcements: QR Quest, Most Sustainable Stand Award			
1500-1715	Session 8 Audit and AGM			Heaphy 3
Chair:	Dr Scott Barker			
1500-1515	Rosacea Audit (available post conference on-demand)			Dr Karen Koch
1515-1715	NZDSI AGM			
1845-2230	Conference Dinner - Classics Museum, 11 Rainside Place, Hamilton (Return transfers provided)			

Saturday 29 August		
0715-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by AbbVie. Managing atopic dermatitis in New Zealand patients. <i>Speakers: Dr Harriet Kennedy and Dr Diana Purvis</i>	Brooklyn 1
0830-1040	Session 9 Dermatopathology	Heaphy 3
Chairs:	<i>Dr Geetika Seth, Prof Amanda Oakley</i>	
0830-0930	Clinical and Pathological Correlation (CPC) cases	
0930-0940	Dermoscopy of nail lesions – a selection from Te Toka Tumai Auckland pigmented lesion clinic	
0940-0950	Pseudo-Hutchinson sign of the left great toenail: a nail unit melanoma mimic	
0950-1000	Nail cases	
1000-1010	Dermoscopic differentiation of laser-treated nevi from melanoma	
1010-1020	Sebaceous carcinoma	
1020-1030	Vascular clues in dermoscopy: differentiating non-pigmented cutaneous malignancies	
1030-1040	Recognising amelanotic melanoma: five dermoscopic cases	
1040-1110	Morning Tea, Posters & Industry Exhibition	Heaphy 3
1110-1230	Session 10	
Chair:	<i>Dr Scott Barker</i>	
1110-1140	Redefining photoprotection: from UV blocking to molecular damage control	
1140-1210	JAK of all trades: Use of JAK inhibitors in atopic dermatitis and beyond	
1210-1220	Q & A: Burning questions or anecdotes you didn't get time to ask	
1220-1230	Announcement of 2027 location and venue, Conference close	
1230-1245	Farewell takeaway lunch	Conference Convenors

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Dr Anna Luo
Dr Hamish Wu
Dr Karen Koch
Dr Sarah Seol
Dr Nathaniel Triffitt
Dr Terry Kim
Dr Tara Sholgi