

New Zealand Lung Cancer Conference 2025
12-13 June | Chateau on the Park Christchurch

Thursday 12 June		
0830-1010	Opening & Session 1	
Chair: Dr Greg Frazer		
0830-0900	Mihi whakatau and conference welcome	
0900-0930	Inspirations in life's lessons	Prof Tom John
0930-1000	State of the nation - update from National Lung Cancer Working Group	Dr James Entwisle
1000-1010	Panel discussion with Q&A	
1010-1040	Morning Tea	
1040-1250	Session 2 Screening	
Chair: Dr Rajiv Kumar		
1040-1110	TSANZ lung nodule guideline update	Dr Paul Dawkins
1110-1140	How can we eliminate the lung cancer health equity gap	Prof Ross Lawrenson
1140-1210	The lung cancer screening research programme	Dr Papillon Gustafson & Kim MacRae
1210-1240	Utilising cfDNA methylation for early detection and monitoring of lung cancer	Mark Ezegbogu & Sai Shyam Vasantharajan
1240-1250	Panel discussion with Q&A	
1250-1350	Lunch	
1350-1450	Session 3 Proffered Papers	
Chair: Dr Greg Frazer		
1350-1405	A microRNA mimic based on the miR-15/107 consensus sequence sensitizes NSCLC cells to targeted therapy	Carien Carpenter
1405-1420	The two arms of microRNA miR-21 have distinct effects on the response to targeted therapy in lung cancer	Nina Simmons
1420-1435	Repurposing the anti-parasitic ivermectin to combat drug tolerance in NSCLC	Maddy Thompson
1435-1450	Personalising cancer treatment in real time: The organoid advantage	Hossein Jahedi
1450-1520	Afternoon Tea	
1520-1650	Session 4 Radiation Oncology	
Chair: Dr Brendon Anderson		
1520-1550	Outcomes of patients with stage IIIB lung cancer treated with high dose radiotherapy	Dr Chris Harrington
1550-1610	Lung cancer survivorship clinic	Catherine Smith
1610-1640	Advanced radiation therapy role in palliative lung cancer	Danielle Duff
1640-1650	Panel discussion with Q&A	
1650-1750	Networking Function	

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Chair: Dr Laird Cameron



0715-0800

AstraZeneca Sponsored Breakfast Session

Liquid Biopsy: Unlocking Molecular Detection in Lung Cancer

Prof Tom John & Paul Oei

0830-1010 Session 5

Chair: Laura Ledger

0830-0900 Biomarkers in non-small cell lung cancer

Prof Tom John

0900-0930 Optimising immunotherapy for Māori with advanced NSCLC

Dr Laird Cameron

0930-1000 The challenges of cancer coordination in a regional service

Dianne Keip

1000-1010 Panel discussion with Q&A

1010-1040 Morning Tea

1040-1150 Session 6 | Medical Oncology

Chair: Dr Anthony Hall



1040-1110 Systemic therapy in the perioperative setting

Dr Alice Loft

1110-1140 Side effects relating to immunotherapy

Becky Upston & Belinda Egan

1140-1150 Panel discussion with Q&A

1150-1250 Lunch

1250-1425 Session 7 | Surgery

Chair: Mr Harsh Singh

1250-1320 AI in lung cancer

Prof David McCormack

1320-1345 Sublobar lung resection for lung cancer

Mr Andrew Cheng

1345-1415 Maximising thoracic surgery

Mr Paul Conaglen

1415-1425 Panel discussion with Q&A

1425-1455 Afternoon Tea

1455-1615 Session 8 | Palliative Care

Chair: Dr Greg Frazer

1455-1525 Endobronchial management of malignant airway obstruction

Dr Cameron Sullivan

1525-1555 Community palliative care for patients with advanced lung cancer

Hilary Cleland

1555-1605 Panel discussion with Q&A

1605-1615 Conference Close