

NZDSI 2025 Annual Conference | Scientific Program (subject to change without notice)

Wednesday 20 August		
1400-1700	Registrar Teaching session	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Darshan Singh, Dr Sabine Sommer</i>	
1400-1430	Dermoscopy for registrars	<i>Assoc/Prof Michelle Tarbox</i>
1430-1500	Patch testing	<i>Dr Lissa Judd</i>
1500-1530	Psoriasis update	<i>Dr Juber Hafiji</i>
1530-1630	Optimising outcomes in skin cancer surgery	<i>Mr Brandon Adams & Dr Neil Mortimer</i>
1630-1700	Lasers in vascular rosacea	<i>Dr Giri Raj</i>
	NZDSI SubCommittee Meetings	<i>Wellington Museum</i>
1300-1400	DermNet AGM (Open to DermNet Trustees only)	
1400-1500	NZDSI Exec Meeting	
1730-1900	NZDSI Annual Conference Welcome Function - Industry Exhibition Area, Shed 6	
Thursday 21 August		
0820-1015	Session 1 Keynote presentations	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Prof Amanda Oakley</i>	
		<i>Dr Scott Barker - NZDSI President Dr Sabine Sommer and Dr Darshan Singh - Conference Convenors</i>
0820-0835	Opening karakia, welcome and housekeeping	
0835-0910	Pearls from the Dermasphere	<i>Assoc/Prof Michelle Tarbox</i>
0910-0945	The evolving role of surgery in melanoma	<i>Mr Brandon Adams</i>
0945-1000	Portable Raman spectroscopy for the differentiation of skin cancers from benign skin lesions and inflammatory dermatoses	<i>Dr Paul Jarrett</i>
1000-1015	Rethinking alopecia areata: a practical guide for NZ dermatologists	<i>Dr Cristina Mello</i>
1015-1045	Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition	
	Session 2 Prescribing Phenotypes, Plume Registrar Turnbull Hodge Award Presentations	
1045-1245		
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Louise Reiche</i>	
1045-1115	Phenotypes of dermatology prescribing and procedural behaviors	<i>Prof Alan Fleischer</i>
1115-1130	Diathermy Plume and YOU	<i>Dr Lachlan Warren</i>
1130-1145	Comparing patient-perceived understandability and representativeness between Skindex-16 and Dermatology Life Quality Index for health-related quality of life assessment	<i>Dr Julia Berney</i>
1145-1200	Insights into omalizumab use in Auckland immunology's 2023 chronic spontaneous urticaria cohort	<i>Dr Nathaniel Carter</i>
1200-1215	Itching for answers: The cost of atopic dermatitis hospitalisations pre-Upadacitinib	<i>Dr Gabrielle Mclean</i>
1215-1230	What are the clinical characteristics of adult atopic eczema in Māori and Pasifika compared to European/Pakeha?	<i>Dr Sabrina Sapsford</i>
1230-1245	AI diagnostic algorithm testing in dermatology: Image collection criteria	<i>Dr Hamish Wu</i>
1130-1230	E-Posters & Industry Exhibition - New Zealand Dermatological Nurses Society Conference Delegates	
1245-1345	Lunch, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition	
1250 -1344	NZSMS Meeting	
1345-1500	Session 3 Anthony Yung Memorial Session	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Stephen Lamb</i>	
1345-1405	Dr Anthony Yung Acknowledgement and Memorial Lecture Considering contour in facial skin cancer surgery	<i>Dr Neil Mortimer</i>
1405-1425	Advanced cutaneous malignancy of the head and neck	<i>Mr Brandon Adams</i>
1425-1450	Plastics in dermatology: How it harms us and what we can do about it	<i>Dr Eugene Tan</i>
1450-1500	Demographics and trends in outpatient referrals to dermatology	<i>Dr Kate Kylie Velasco</i>
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition	
1530-1700	Session 4 Child Protection, Privacy, AI and Unconscious Bias	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Scott Barker</i>	
1530-1555	Child protection - What should I do?	<i>Dr Maylin Yap</i>
1555-1615	Privacy and health information	<i>Ms Kate Brewer</i>
1615-1630	Locked out by bureaucracy: The hidden barriers to AI innovation	<i>Prof Amanda Oakley</i>
1630-1645	Leveraging artificial intelligence and 3D total body photography to automate skin photodamage assessment	<i>Dr Sam Kahler</i>

1645-1705	Cultural topic roundtable discussion: Unconscious bias and what we can do about it	Dr Sara Dill, Dr Sabine Sommer
1715	Industry Cocktail Session, sponsored by Propaira DNA resilience & repair in skin cancer prevention. Prof George Varigos	
1800	Conference Close	

Friday 22 August		
0730-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by L'Oreal Photoprotection and pigmentation with a focus on the impact of UVA <i>A/Prof Michelle Rodrigues</i>	
0830-1000	Session 5 Surgery and Sustainability	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Alistair Brown, Dr Neil Mortimer, Dr Paul Salmon, Dr AJ Seine</i>	
0830-0840	Surgical attire survey amongst dermatologists in New Zealand undertaking dermatological surgery	<i>Dr Izzy Macdonald</i>
0840-0900	High-value care: aligning profitability, sustainability, and patient outcomes	<i>Dr Eugene Tan</i>
0900-1000	Tauranga Skin Centre Mohs surgeons: Presentations and panel discussion Combination repairs in skin cancer surgery	<i>Dr Alistair Brown, Dr Neil Mortimer, Dr Paul Salmon, Dr AJ Seine</i>
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 Beauty and Scholarships	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Reinhard Gansel</i>	
1030-1100	Cosmetic dermatology, pitfalls and pearls	<i>Assoc/Prof Michelle Tarbox</i>
1100-1115	Galderma Fellowship Recipient Presentation: International Society of Dermatology, 2025 Congress, Rome	<i>Dr Sabine Sommer</i>
1115-1130	L'Oréal Research Grant Recipient Presentation: Allergens in contemporary nail cosmetics available in New Zealand	<i>Dr Elizaveta Rakhmanova</i>
1130-1145	Trans Tasman Scholarship Presentation Treatment of monilethrix with low-dose oral minoxidil: A retrospective review	<i>Dr Anthony Moussa</i>
1145-1200	International Scholarship Recipient Presentation: The clinical odyssey of atypical leprosy presentations	<i>Dr Anikta Choudhary</i>
1200-1300	<i>Lunch, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1205-1255	<i>NZCDSG Meeting</i>	
1300-1430	Session 7 Sustainability, EB and Contact	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Harriet Kennedy</i>	
1300-1315	Sustainable dermatology: a practical guide	<i>Dr Eugene Tan</i>
1315-1335	New treatments and gene therapy for EB, Epidermolysis Bullosa, on the horizon	<i>Ms Anna Kemble Welch, Dr Diana Purvis</i>
1335-1350	Irritant and doubtful patch test reactions	<i>Dr Lissa Judd</i>
1350-1405	Penetrating pig feed prickles providing a perplexing problem	<i>Dr Lissa Judd</i>
1405-1420	Metal allergy in arthroplasty: A missed diagnosis? What dermatologists need to know	<i>Dr Sabriya Abdeen</i>
1420-1430	Utility of next-generation sequencing for microsatellite instability detection in sebaceous tumours associated with Lynch syndrome	<i>Dr Waleed Alfailakawi</i>
1430-1500	<i>Afternoon Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1500-1730	Session 8 Acne, Audit and AGM	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Paul Jarrett</i>	
1500-1515	Dermocosmetics in the management of acne vulgaris: A New Zealand perspective	<i>Dr Peggy Chen</i>
1515-1530	Audit - Acne (available post conference on-demand)	<i>Dr Susan Simpkin</i>
1530-1700	NZDSI AGM	
1900-2230	<i>Conference Dinner - A night at the Opera, House, 113/111 Manners Street, Te Aro, Wellington</i>	
Saturday 23 August		
0715-0815	Industry Breakfast Session, sponsored by AbbVie Treating Atopic Dermatitis in New Zealand <i>Dr Stephen Lamb and Harriet Kennedy</i>	
0830-1000	Session 9 Dermatopathology	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Ben Tallon</i>	
0830-0900	Trichoscopy in hair disorders	<i>Assoc/Prof Michelle Tarbox</i>
0900-1000	Clinical and Pathological Correlation (CPC) cases	<i>Dr Geetika Seth, Dr John Snow, Dr Ben Tallon</i>
1000-1030	<i>Morning Tea, E-Posters & Industry Exhibition</i>	
1030-1215	Session 10 VIP and Free Papers	
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Dr Karen Koch</i>	
	Cultural Safety Competency Presentation: The VIP patient (available post conference on-demand)	<i>Dr Scott Barker</i>
1030-1050		
1050-1105	Upadacitinib in atopic dermatitis: targeted immunomodulation, safety profile, and access in New Zealand	<i>Dr Penelope Cross</i>
1105-1120	Lesion-directed vs routine skin check detection of melanoma: A retrospective review from a single dermatology clinic in Taranaki, New Zealand	<i>Dr Peggy Chen</i>
1120-1145	Textile impact in dermatology	<i>Dr Louise Reiche</i>
1145-1200	Cemiplimab treatment of surgically inoperable Basal Cell Carcinoma in an elderly patient	<i>Dr Scott Barker, Dr David Okonji</i>
1200-1215	Q & A: Burning questions or anecdotes you didn't get time to ask	<i>Dr Scott Barker, Dr Karen Koch</i>

1215-1225	Announcement of 2026 location and venue Conference close and karakia	<i>Dr Sabine Sommer and Dr Darshan Singh - Conference Convenors Dr Scott Barker - NZDSI President</i>
1225-1230	<i>Farewell lunch</i>	