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AGM and Symposium Agenda

Jet Park Auckland Airport Hotel & Conference Centre

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Registration from 8:30am

NZ time	AEDT		
9:00am	7:00am	Meet and Greet	
09:15am	7:15am	Welcome, Karakia & Acknowledgement of Country	
09:30am	7:30am	AGM	
Session 1			
10:00am	8:00am	Whānau and consumer voice at the heart of quality improvement in kidney care	Andrew Salmon – Nephrologist, Waitemata Renal Service
10:30am	8:30am	Morning Tea - Industry Partnership Demonstrations	
Session 2			
10:45am	8:45am	"Calciphylaxis Management in Haemodialysis: Meeting Unmet Needs."	Gayathri Devi – Renal Physiologist, Waitemata Renal Service
11:00am	9:00am	Youth On Dialysis – How are we doing?	Mark Marshall, Nephrologist Tauranga Hospital
11:30pm	9:30am	National Renal Network	Andrew Henderson, Nephrologist – Waikato Hospital Renal Service & Chair – National Renal Network
12:00	10:00am	Incremental Dialysis	Sreejith Nair – Renal Physiologist & Vascular Access Coordinator, Renal Service – Hawke's Bay Hospital
12:20pm	10:20am	LV assist device	Sherin George – Renal Physiologist – Auckland Hospital
12:40pm	10:40am	Kite Lock	Aaron Crook – Medical Specialties Australasia
1:00pm	11:00am	Lunch – Industry Partnership Demonstrations	

Session 3			
1:50pm	11:50am	Deceased donor transplant in New Zealand	Dr Reshma Shettigar, Nephrologist – Christchurch Hospital
2:20pm	12:20pm	Research presentation – Xenotransplant “In-Vitro compatibility of human blood to pig cells”	Fredric Doss – Haemodialysis Educator & Professional Leader – Auckland Hospital
2:40pm	12:40	Home Haemodialysis	Ameen Abubacker & Majit Nizar – Renal Physiologists, Counties Manukau Renal Service
3:00pm	1:00pm	Afternoon Tea – Industry partnership Demonstrations	
3:15pm	1:15pm	Workshop (Staff Wellbeing)	Sarah Ratima Nolan – National Program Lead – Well Being - Middlemore Hospital - Auckland
4:15pm	2:15pm	Presentation Skills	Kristen Schuck - Renal Educator– Royal Melbourne Hospital
4:45pm	2:45pm	Renal Physiologist – Portfolio submission	Shaiju Thaikandy, Chair NZASRD and Renal Service Manager – Hawke’s Bay Hospital
5:15pm	3:15pm	Close	
Drinks & Social hour			

Presenter Biographies

Dr Andy Salmon

Andy started life in the UK, completing his training in general & renal medicine, dialysis and transplantation in hospitals around the South West and Midlands as well as in Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty. He also had a decade-long stint researching kidney and blood function in kidney disease and diabetes in the UK and USA. He now works as a Senior Medical Officer in the renal unit at Waitematā, and as Renal Innovation Lead at Te Whatu Ora - Planning, Funding and Outcomes.

Dr Mark Marshall

Dr Marshall is an internist and nephrologist who completed training in both the NZ and the US. He was a general physician and nephrologist at Middlemore hospital for 15 years, being HOD and Chair of the National Renal Advisory Board for several years during that period. He then left for industry, to be the Director of Medical Affairs for Baxter International in the Asia Pacific region based out of Shanghai. During COVID, he returned to NZ as a Senior Research Physician at a Phase 1 clinical trials unit, until most recently returning to clinical medicine at Tauranga and Whakatane hospitals where he is once again a general physician and nephrologist. He has an interest in dialysis medicine and critical care nephrology, and is an accomplished researcher and biostatistician having published >150 peer reviewed manuscripts and book chapters. He is based rurally, living on the South Head of the Kaipara Harbour.

Dr Reshma Shettigar

Reshma Shettigar is a Transplant Physician. Reshma completed graduation in India and moved to New Zealand to pursue Post Graduate training in Nephrology and Renal transplantation. She is a Nephrology fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Reshma's special clinical interest and expertise include assessment and management of adults with acute and chronic kidney disease, care of transplant recipients and donors and tissue typing and Immunogenetics. In her personal life, Reshma is proud mum of a 4-year-old daughter. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, reading, running and planning holidays with her 4-year-old.

Dr Drew Henderson

Drew is originally from Scotland but has lived on and off in Aotearoa New Zealand since 2007. He went to university in Glasgow prior to training as a nephrologist in Glasgow and Dundee. He then moved to Hawkes Bay Aotearoa New Zealand in 2007 and was the first full time nephrologist in the region. During his time in Hawkes Bay the service expanded significantly with development of specialist nursing and renal physiologist roles, changes to models of care and approval for the new renal facility at Hastings Hospital. Drew then returned to Scotland in 2011 and was HoD for renal medicine at NHS Tayside Ninewells Hospital. He was also the Clinical Lead for Electronic Patient Records and co-led the implementation of a new EPR and PAS at NHS Tayside. He moved back to NZ in 2017 and became HoD of the renal unit at Waikato in 2019. Drew is currently the Medical Director for Cancer, Chronic Conditions and Radiology at Te Whatu Ora Waikato and National Renal Clinical Network Co-Chair.

Sarah Ratima Nolan

Sarah is an award-winning Wellbeing Lead with a strong background in Organisational Development and supporting culture change. Committed to delivering workplace solutions with demonstrable impact on improving employee experience. Sarah is passionate about delivering innovative, inclusive support and solutions for mental and physical health, disability and wellbeing of workforces. Sarah is currently working as National Programme Lead – Wellbeing for Health New Zealand

Fredric Doss

Fredric has extensive experience and exceptional knowledge as a Renal Physiologist. He is one of the inspirational leaders behind the formation of professional societies for renal physiologists in New Zealand and Australia (NZBDP/NZASRDP). In addition to spearheading the growth of the renal physiologist workforce in his past role as the chairman of the NZASRDP board, Fredric has also served as a board member for several professional societies worldwide. His contributions to establishing a local training program in New Zealand for renal physiology, in collaboration with EIT and AUT, are particularly commendable. Currently, Fredric works as a Dialysis Educator and Professional Leader in Renal Physiology at Te Toka Tumai (Auckland City Hospital) and serves as an International Advisor for BONENT USA.

Aaron Crook

Aaron is the Vascular Access Division Manager at Medical Specialties Australasia, where he worked for a decade. With 12 years of experience in the medical device industry, Aaron is passionate about advancing technology that prioritises patient benefits above all else.

Sreejith Nair

Sreejith Nair is a Clinical Physiologist with 30 years of experience as a dialysis clinician. He currently works with Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora - Hawke's Bay as a Vascular Access Coordinator. With the primary focus of arranging creation of new vascular access for dialysis and ongoing management of these, Sreejith acts as a link between dialysis staff, nephrologists, surgeons, radiologists, patients/whanau and collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to optimize patient outcomes. Sreejith is passionate about implementing improvements and is always looking for new ways to drive growth and engagement. In his free time, he enjoys time with family, listening to music, and volunteering managing a local non-profit organisation.

Ameen Aboobacker

Ameen Abubacker is a Clinical Renal Physiologist at Counties Manukau Health, Te Whatu Ora with over 25 years of experience in the dialysis field. Ameen is specialized in training patients for Home Haemodialysis and has been working in the training unit for more than 10 years. He is passionate about Home HD, empowering his patients with knowledge and independence.

Majit Nizar

Majit is a highly experienced renal physiologist working for Counties Manukau Health, Te Whatu Ora and specialised in home training. He also extends his experience and knowledge to the acute/in-centre, satellite and peritoneal dialysis modalities. Majit was the first renal physiologist employed by Dunedin hospital before moving back to Counties.

Sherin George

Sherin George is a healthcare promoter with more than a decade of experience in varying medical fields of renal physiology, nursing, tutoring, and renal replacement therapies in New Zealand and overseas. After gaining valuable experience from Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru, India, as Renal Physiologist, she completed postgraduate diploma in health sciences from Eastern Institute of Technology, New Zealand six years ago and joined Auckland City hospital. Presently, she is a member of the education and training subcommittee of NZASRD. Again, she is one of the hand hygiene gold auditors of Auckland hospital and a trained Intentional Peer Support team member working with colleagues to build resilience and strong equitable relationships at workplace. She profoundly supports academic interests in health psychology and the concept of intellectual humility.

Gayathri Devi

Gayathri is a Senior Renal Physiologist working for North Shore Hospital, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora with extensive experience in kidney care. She has a strong background in leading clinical teams, ensuring quality standards, and advancing haemodialysis services in both outpatient and acute care settings. Formerly the National Clinical Manager at Fresenius Medical Care, she has developed training programs, implemented clinical audits, and created policies and procedures to enhance care quality. She also held pivotal roles at DaVita India and Asia Pacific, with project work spanning Singapore, Malaysia, and Jeddah. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling and exploring new places.

Kristen Schuck

Kristen has worked in dialysis for nearly 20 years and is currently the Satellite Dialysis Educator at The Royal Melbourne Hospital Department of Nephrology. Instrumental in the establishment of the NZASRD, she has been a Board member since its inception in 2017. Kristen also sits on the RSA Victoria Branch and workforce taskforce, as well as leading the education, training and credentialing sub-committee. She is again working with the RSA on the 2025 conference committee. As an adjunct lecturer for James Cook University and industry partner for Swinburne University, Kristen has established the first clinical renal physiologist formal qualifications in Australia. Her professional areas of interest include clinical education, workforce development, policy, and governance.

Shaiju Thaikandy

Shaiju is a highly experienced Renal Physiologist, currently serving as the Renal Service Manager for Te Whatu Ora - Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay (formerly Hawke's Bay District Health Board). He has also held the position of Professional Leader for Clinical Physiology with the same organization. Before moving to Aotearoa in 2004, Shaiju worked as a Renal Physiologist in India and Singapore. With over 25 years of experience in the renal dialysis field, Shaiju is deeply committed to developing models of care that prioritize health equity for dialysis services. His passion for workforce development in the renal healthcare sector drives his efforts to improve patient care while fostering inclusivity and diversity within the workforce. In addition, Shaiju chairs the Models of Care for Dialysis strategic group for the National Renal Network and is the current chair of NZASRD.