

SEMINAR: Pre Analytical Services Special Interest Group Seminar

Date: Saturday 07 November 2026

Venue – Waipuna Conference Centre, Mt. Wellington, Auckland.



PROGRAMME		
09.00	Welcome	Ajesh Joseph, Convenor
Chair	Ajesh Joseph	
09:15	Cultural Safety through Whakapapa and Connection	Te Ariki Te Puni, Managing Director- Kaiwhakahaere Matua.
10:00	MDRO screening	Tony Barnett, President NZIMLS
10.30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	
Chair	Carolyn Olsen	
11:00	Engagement with Manaakitanga	Te Ariki Te Puni, Managing Director- Kaiwhakahaere Matua.
11:45	“The 3 am specimen”, Pre- analytical risk, after hours.	Maggie Sooalo, Labplus, Auckland
12:15	Managing Workflow in a High-Volume Laboratory	Ahmad Walizada & Sumeet Bhangal, Awanui Lab, Auckland
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch	
Chair	John Gregory Fainsan	
13:30	AI and the future of PreAnalytical Services	Ajesh Joseph, NZIMLS
14:00	Reading the Signs: Practical De-escalation in Patient Care	Odonis Person, CPI New Zealand
14:30	Reducing Pre-Analytical Errors: Practical Strategies to Improve Sample Quality and Laboratory Efficiency	Eli De Leon, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Geriner Bio-One
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea	
Chair	Salote Williams	
15:30	Excellence at the Source: Transforming Pre-analytical Efficiency & patient care	Satinder Satinder, Middlemore Hospital.
16:00	Patient Identification	Varsha Desai, Awanui Lab, Auckland
16:30	Closing of the seminar	Ajesh Joseph, Convenor

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