

Molecular Diagnostics Special Interest Group Programme

Date: Friday 26 June 2026

Venue: Mecure Tauranga (formerly Hotel Armitage & Conference Centre), 28 Brown Street Tauranga

Time: 1000 – 1630



PROGRAMME		
1000	Registration	
	Welcome and Housekeeping. Chair: Roberto Mazzaschi	
1030	Holo-Q Waka Te Ira Omniscan [30mins] Virtual Presentation	Patrick Gladding Waitemata
1100	Routine Pharmacogenomics in a Clinical Setting	Kevin Smith, Waitemata
1130	Multiplex PCRs: Should we just test for everything on all patients?	Dr. Michael Addidle, Pathlab Tauranga
1210	Lunch	
	Chair: Roberto Mazzaschi	
1310	Detection of Syphilis on multiplex lesion panel assays	Shafin Khan, Pathlab Tauranga
1330	Integrating NGS and Cryo-EM to Decipher RNA–Capsid Crosstalk in Picornavirus Genome Packaging [40 mins]	Shakeel Waqqar, LabPlus Auckland
1410	TBC [20mins]	TBC
1430	Afternoon Tea	
	Chair: Roberto Mazzaschi	
1500	Implementing liquid biopsy for egfr variant detection in lung cancer at IGENZ	Bronwyn Neumann IGENZ, Auckland
1520	TBC [20mins]	Magda Ratajska, PhD Research Fellow / Associate Professor University of Otago Ōtākou Whakaihū Waka
1540	TBC [20mins]	Paul Ogbuigwe, PhD Technical Specialist – Molecular Biology. Health NZ - Waikato
1600	Prizes. Plan for 2027 SIG	
1630	End – Thank-you & see you Next Year!	

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