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New Zealand Familial Breast & Ovarian Cancer Conference
Te Pou Manaaki Whānau Mate ā-ira pukupuku o Aotearoa

6-7 NOVEMBER 2026

Changing Landscapes - Programme

Friday 6 November
Conference – Day one

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| 7.30 – 8.30am | Arrival tea/coffee and registration |
| 8.30 – 8.45am | Mihi Whakatau Welcome and opening comments |
| 8.45 – 9.15am | The enduring legacy of whakapapa: Whānau, genetics and cancer risk <i>Prof Karyn Paringatai, Programme Coordinator, Māori Studies Te Tumu School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka - University of Otago Dunedin</i> |
| 9.15 – 10.00am | Mapping the genetic terrain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beyond BRCA: Exploring the expanding genetic terrain• Where two paths meet: Tumour-first testing and germline discovery <i>Cindy Zaitsoff, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> <i>Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> |
| 10.00 - 10.30am | Morning tea |
| 10.30 – 10:50am | Choosing a path Mainstreaming and access <i>Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> |

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| 10:50 – 11.20am | Scanning the horizon: Rethinking risk adapted breast surveillance <i>Dr Annette Lasham, Senior Research Fellow, Molecular Medicine & Pathology, Waipapa Taumata Rau - University of Auckland</i> |
| 11.20am – 12.00pm | Choices at the crossroads - risk-reducing breast surgery <i>Mr Jeremy Simcock, Senior Lecturer, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Ōtākou Whakaihū Waka - University of Otago Christchurch</i> |
| 12.00 – 1.00pm | Lunch |
| 1.00 – 1.45pm | Evolving care in practice: Prevention, treatment and decision-making On shifting ground: Redefining risk, prevention and care in familial breast and ovarian cancer <i>Prof Ian Campbell, Head of Cancer Genetics Laboratory Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victoria, Australia</i> |
| 1.45 – 2.15pm | New frontiers in treatment: Targeted therapies for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer <i>A/Prof Yoland Antill, Medical Oncologist and Cancer Genetics Specialist, Victoria, Australia</i> |
| 2.15 – 3.00pm | Between risk and relief: Hormonal choices in familial breast and ovarian cancer <i>Dr Megan Oglivie, Endocrinologist, Endocrine and Reproductive Health, Fertility Associates, Auckland</i> |
| 3.00 - 3.30pm | Afternoon tea |
| 3.30 – 4.15pm | Compassionate conversations: Communicating risk, family impact and treatment choices <i>Dr Kumari Valentine, Clinical Psychologist, Ōtepoti Dunedin</i> |
| 4.15 – 4.50pm | Panel: Beyond the horizon: The next chapter in familial cancer care <i>Prof Ian Campbell, Dr Annette Lasham, A/Prof Yoland Antill, Prof Karyn Paringatai, Dr Kumari Valentine, Emma Felix Fay Sowerby (Chair)</i> |
| 4.50 – 5.00pm | Day close |

Saturday 7 November
Conference – day two

| Time | Session |
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| 9.45 - 10.15am | <i>Livestreaming from Community Day</i> The path is changing: What's new in familial breast and ovarian cancer care in Aotearoa New Zealand <i>Cindy Zaitsoff, Senior Genetic Counsellor Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> <i>Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> |
| 10.30am – 12.00pm | Workshop 1: Genetics 101 <i>Magda Ratajska Senior Research Fellow, Department of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Otago</i> <i>George Wiggins, Researcher / PhD researcher, Mackenzie Cancer Research Group, University of Otago Christchurch.</i> |
| | Lunch |
| 1.00 – 2.30pm | Workshop 2: Genetic risk assessment <i>Cindy Zaitsoff, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> <i>Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i> |