# NZFBOC

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

**Cancer Society - Ōtautahi Christchurch**
74 Langdons Road
Papanui, Christchurch

**6-7 NOVEMBER 2026**

## Conference - Friday 6 November

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| 7.30 – 8.30am | Arrival tea/coffee and registration |
| 8.30 – 8.45am | **Mihi Whakatau**<br>**Welcome and opening comments** |
| 8.45 – 9.15am | **The enduring legacy of whakapapa: Whānau, genetics and cancer risk**<br>*Prof Karyn Paringatai, Programme Coordinator, Māori Studies Te Tumu School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, University of Otago* |
| 9.15 – 10.00am | **Mapping the genetic terrain**<br>• Beyond BRCA: Exploring the expanding genetic terrain<br>• Where two paths meet: Tumour-first testing and germline discovery<br>*Cindy Zaitsoff, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand*<br>*Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand* |
| **10.00 - 10.30am** | **Morning tea** |
| 10.30 – 10.50am | **Choosing a path**<br>Mainstreaming and access<br>*Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand* |
| 10.50 – 11.20am | Benefits of multimodality breast imaging in higher risk patients<br>*Dr Sugania Reddy, Radiologist, Allevia Radiology, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland* |
| 11.20am – 12.00pm | Choices at the crossroads - risk-reducing breast surgery<br>*Mr Jeremy Simcock, Senior Lecturer Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka University of Otago* |
| **12.00 – 1.00pm** | **Lunch** |



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| | **Evolving care in practice: Prevention, treatment and decision-making** |
| 1.00 – 1.45pm | On shifting ground: Redefining risk, prevention and care in familial breast and ovarian cancer<br>*Prof Ian Campbell, Head, Cancer Genetics Laboratory, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victoria, Australia* |
| 1.45 – 2.15pm | New frontiers in treatment: Targeted therapies for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer<br>*A/Prof Yoland Antill, Medical Oncologist and Cancer Genetics Specialist, Victoria, Australia* |
| 2.15 – 3.00pm | Between risk and relief: Hormonal choices in familial breast and ovarian cancer<br>*Dr Megan Ogilvie, Endocrinologist, Endocrine and Reproductive Health Associates, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland* |
| **3.00 - 3.30pm** | **Afternoon tea** |
| 3.30 – 4.15pm | **Beyond Reassurance: Understanding psychological responses to cancer risk**<br>*Dr Kumari Valentine, Clinical Psychologist, Ōtepoti Dunedin* |
| 4.15 – 4.50pm | **Panel: Beyond the horizon: The next chapter in familial cancer care**<br>*Prof Ian Campbell, Dr Sugania Reddy, A/Prof Yoland Antill, Prof Karyn Paringatai, Dr Kumari Valentine, Emma Felix Fay Sowerby (Chair)* |
| 4.50 – 5.00pm | Day close |

## Workshops - Saturday 7 November

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

