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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

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</i>
	Mapping the genetic terrain
9.15 – 10.00am	• 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
	Choosing a path
10.30 – 10.50am	Mainstreaming and access <i>Emma Felix, Senior Genetic Counsellor, Genetic Health Service New Zealand</i>
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 Whakaihu Waka University of Otago</i>
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 <i>Prof Ian Campbell, Head, 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 Ogilvie, Endocrinologist, Endocrine and Reproductive Health Associates, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland</i>
3.00 - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.30 – 4.15pm	Beyond Reassurance: Understanding psychological responses to cancer risk <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

Workshops - Saturday 7 November

9.45 - 10.15am	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> Livestreamed from the Community Day
10.30am – 12.00pm	Workshop 1: Genetics 101 <i>Magda Ratajska, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka University of Otago</i> <i>George Wiggins, Researcher / PhD Researcher, Mackenzie Cancer Research Group, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka University of Otago</i>
12.00 - 1.00pm	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>



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