

# ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING2025

FLY PALMY ARENA  
PALMERSTON NORTH  
26 - 28 NOVEMBER 2025

Programme as at 3 October 2025

## Tuesday 25 November 2025

10:00am – 4:30pm	NZNEA Study Day <i>Kindly sponsored by Pharmaco</i>
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Exhibitor Pack-in
6:30pm – 8:00pm	NZ Women in Gastroenterology

## Wednesday 26 November 2025

8:00am – 9:00am	Clinical Directors Meeting <i>By invitation only</i>
8:30am – 9:30am	Delegate Arrival and Registration
9:30am – 10:10am	Mihi Whakatau and Welcome
10:10am – 10:30am	Morning Tea Amongst the Exhibition
<b>Session 1: Plenary Session 1</b>	
10:30am – 11:00am	Barrett's Surveillance in 2025 – <i>Dr Vinay Sehgal</i>
11:00am – 11:30am	Intestinal Ultrasound in the Management of IBD – <i>A/Prof Britt Christensen</i>
11:30am – 12:00pm	Portal Hypertension – <i>A/Prof Avik Majumdar</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Amongst the Exhibition
<b>Session 2: Plenary Session 2</b>	
1:00pm – 1:30pm	The Interactions Between Diet, Lifestyle, and the Microbiome and How They Influence Gut Health – <i>A/Prof Graham Radford-Smith</i>
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Best Practice for Large Polyps in 2025 - EMR? ESD? FTRD? What to choose? – <i>A/Prof Nick Burgess</i>
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Update on Non-Medical Endoscopists and Scope of Professional Practice – <i>Sharon Powell</i>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Progress to Elimination of Hepatitis C in Australia – The Australian Story – <i>Prof Alex Thompson (President, GESA)</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea Amongst the Exhibition

	Session 3A: IBD	Session 3B: Liver	Session 3C: Endoscopy Video Session	Session 3D: Nurses Session
3:30pm – 4:00pm	An Update on the Management of Acute Severe Colitis – Clinical and Scientific Perspectives – <i>A/Prof Graham Radford-Smith</i>	PSC – <i>Dr Alex Lampen-Smith</i>		Building Resilience, Wellness and Achieving Job Satisfaction – <i>Sharon Powell</i>
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Probing Gut Barrier Function via Experimental Hookworm Infection – <i>Dr Tom Mules</i>			Managing Challenging Behaviours – <i>Karen Kempin</i>
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Dysplasia Surveillance in UC – <i>Dr Kayla Sliman</i>	Gene Editing in Liver Disease – <i>Prof Ed Gane</i>		Presenting New Pathway for NE – <i>Tania Waylen</i>
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Welcome Function and Networking Amongst the Exhibition, Arena 3			

## Thursday 27 November 2025

7:00am – 8:00am	CRK Professional Precision 5km Charity Fun Run and Walk			
8:30am	Registration Open			
	<b>Session 4A: YIA Finalists</b>	<b>Session 4B: Free Papers   Endoscopy &amp; Innovation in Gastroenterology</b>	<b>Session 4C: Free Papers   Hepatology &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Session 4D: Nurses Session</b>
9:00am – 9:15am	Optimising a Key Endoscopy Quality Indicator: A 15-Day Readmission Period Captures 95% of Hospital Readmissions Due to Procedural Complications – <i>Dr Joshua Quon</i>	Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography in Non-Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Altered Anatomy Using Cap-Assisted Forward-Viewing Endoscopes – <i>Dr Shu Ting Tan</i>	Mortality Rates Among Patients Admitted With Decompensated Liver Cirrhosis in a Large Tertiary Hospital in New Zealand: A Five-Year Retrospective Review – <i>Zachary Amir</i>	Generational Difference in the Workplace – <i>Karen Kempin</i>
9:15am – 9:30am	Risk of Local Recurrence After En Bloc Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection for Non-Invasive Colorectal Lesions With Positive Radial Resection Margins: A Retrospective Cohort Study – <i>Dr Catherine Tian</i>	Taranaki's Two-Tier Endoscopy: An Unintended Consequence of Bowel Screening – <i>Dr Brittany Smith</i>	Evidence-Based Nutritional Strategies as Part of Optimal Management of Ulcerative Colitis in NZ – <i>Dr Noha Nasef Nasef</i>	
9:30am – 9:45am	Worldwide Registry on Helicobacter Pylori Management: Early Data	Biodegradable Biliary Stenting for Post-Cholecystectomy Bile	A Pilot Study to Assess the Effectiveness, Acceptability, and Feasibility of Two Models of	Abdominal Pain: Observations and Opportunities for Improvement – <i>Jude Leader</i>

	From New Zealand's First Helicobacter Pylori Treatment Registry. – <i>Dr Richard Tyrrell</i>	Leaks: A Single Tertiary Centre Audit – <i>Dr Wei Wu</i>	Consent for Hepatitis C Testing in Community Laboratory Collection Centres – <i>Dr Catherine Jackson</i>	
9:45am – 10:00am	An Optimised mRNA Vaccine Approach to Enhance the Effectiveness of Immunotherapy in Liver Cancer – <i>Dr Olivia Burn</i>	Droplet Digital PCR-Based Detection of Clarithromycin Re-Resistance on Rapid Urease Test Samples Predicts Helicobacter Pylori Eradication Success: A New Zealand Cohort Study – <i>Dr Stephen Inns</i>	Sociodemographic Disparities in Helicobacter Pylori Infection in Aotearoa New Zealand: A Retrospective Study of 16,903 Diagnostic Records (2007–2024) – <i>Prof David Hayman</i>	
10:00am – 10:15am	Liver Transplantation for Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis in New Zealand: Characteristics and Outcomes Over Three Decades – <i>Dr Aditya Sheth</i>	Use of Bidirectional Endoscopes - Current Practices Across Aotearoa New Zealand – <i>Dr Alex Lampen-Smith</i>	Malnutrition Risk Exists Beyond BMI: Use of the IBD Nutrition Self-Screening Tool to Identify Malnutrition Risk in a New Zealand Gastroenterology Outpatient Setting – <i>Dr Hwei Min Ng</i>	
10:15am – 10:30am	Equity of Access and Outcomes in Liver Transplant Assessment for Alcoholic Liver Disease in New Zealand: A 10-Year Retrospective Cohort Study – <i>Dr Ashwin Singh</i>	Assessing the Impact of Meal Volume on Body Surface Gastric Mapping Metrics in Healthy Controls – <i>India Fitt</i>	Characterisation of Gastric Phenotypes in Parkinson's Disease, Defined by Body-Surface Gastric Mapping: A Pilot Study – <i>Akash Prasad</i>	Psychology - Trauma Informed Care Frameworks – <i>Dr Kirsty Ross</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea Amongst the Exhibition			
	<b>Session 5A: YIA Finalists</b>	<b>Session 5B: Free Papers   Luminal</b>	<b>Session 5C: Nurses   Free Papers</b>	
11:00am – 11:15am	Attitudes and Beliefs of Australasian Paediatric Gastroenterologists and Dietitians Toward the Crohn's Disease Exclusion Diet – <i>Dr Stephanie Brown</i>	Gut Microbiome Alterations and Quality of Life Impairment in Paediatric Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Insights From an Australian Pilot Study. – <i>Tasnia Ahmed</i>	Ketamine Use as Adjunct to Conscious Sedation During Endoscopy – <i>Cel Aligno</i>	
11:15am – 11:30am	Diagnostic Accuracy of TTG IgA in Predicting Histologically Proven Coeliac Disease in the General Population: A Multi-Centre Retrospective Review – <i>Dr Andrew Thushyanthan</i>	Pharmacokinetics and Efficacy/Safety Signals of Thioguanine Administered by Suppository in Patients With Refractory Proctitis – <i>Dr Zoe Raos</i>	Bowel Screening Colonoscopy Participation: Priority Populations' Perspectives on Barriers and Facilitators – Research Masters Thesis – <i>Hannah Gleeson</i>	
11:30am – 11:45am	Factors Associated With Loss of Faecal Biomarker Accuracy During Routine Assessment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease – <i>Dr Cameron Kendall</i>	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Mortality – A 20-Year Study From Canterbury – <i>Angela Forbes</i>	Evaluation of National Bowel Screening Nursing Roles – <i>Brigid McPherson</i>	

11:45am – 12:00pm	Body Surface Gastric Mapping to Predict Response to Gastric Peroral Endoscopic Pyloromyotomy for Refractory Gastroparesis: Pilot Results From a Tertiary Single Centre Experience – <i>Dr Chris Varghese</i>	Intestinal Ultrasound in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Diagnostic Accuracy and Impact on Clinical Decision-Making in Wellington Hospital – <i>Dr James Kang</i>	Q&A	
12:00pm – 1:45pm	Lunch Amongst the Exhibition			
12:25pm – 1:35pm	NZSG AGM			
12:45pm – 1:45pm	NZgNC AGM			
	Session 6A: H Pylori	Session 6B: IBD	Session 6C: Green Endoscopy	Session 6D: Nurses Session
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Syndemics – <i>Prof Michael Baker</i>	Small Molecules in the Management of IBD – <i>A/Prof Britt Christensen</i>	Endoscopy Quality: NEQIP/NZGRS 2025 Update – <i>Dr Malcolm Arnold</i>	UK NE Training Programme Update – <i>Sharon Powell</i>
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Epidemiology of H. pylori in Aotearoa New Zealand: Early Survey Results – <i>Dr Andrea Teng</i>	The Management of Pregnancy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease – <i>Prof Richard Geary</i>	Polycrisis and Green Endoscopy: Sustainability in a Brittle World – <i>Chris Owens</i>	Mental Health – The Role of the IBD Nurse - <i>Daniel Lightowler</i>
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Poster Session Arena 3			
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea Amongst the Exhibition			
	Session 7A: H Pylori Continued	Session 7B: Functional Gut	Session 7C: Endoscopy	Session 7D: Nurses Session Continued
3:45pm – 4:15pm	International H Pylori Consortium – <i>Dr Stephen Inns</i>	Approach to Chronic Nausea and Vomiting – <i>Prof Chris Andrew</i>	Serrated Polyps: Do They Really Do Harm, and How to Optimize Management? – <i>Prof Evelien Dekker</i>	Improving Outcomes in Esophageal Cancers – <i>Anna Maihi</i>
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Testing – <i>Prof David Hayman</i>		Early Oesophageal Cancer: What to Look For, What to Refer – <i>A/Prof Nick Burgess</i>	Non Endoscopic Technical Skills – <i>Michelle Harman</i>
4:45pm – 5:15pm	Test and Treat: A Screening Programme in NZ – <i>Dr Karen Bartholomew</i>		Endoscopic Eradication Therapy for Early Oesophageal Cancer – What Does the Generalist Need to Know? – <i>Dr Vinay Sehgal</i>	<i>Daniel Lightowler</i>
7:00pm – late	Conference Dinner Fly Palmy Arena Theme/dress code: Reliving Your Youth			

## Friday 28 November 2025

	Session 8A: Bowel Screening and Endoscopy Quality	Session 8B: Liver	Session 8C: Nutrition Session	Session 8D: Nurses Session
9:00am – 9:30am	Dr Susan Parry	Hepatology Across the Ditch – Is It Relevant to NZ? – A/Prof Avik Majumdar	ECCO Dietary Management of IBD Guidelines – A/Prof Emma Hamos & Dr Catherine Wall	
9:30am – 10:00am	The Health Data Platform and a National KPI Audit Cycle – Dr James Irwin			
10:00am – 10:30am	Dr Clarence Kerrison			
10:30am – 11:15am	Brunch Amongst the Exhibition			
Session 9A: Plenary Session 3			Session 9B: Nutrition Session Continued	
11:15am – 11:45am	The Future of Colorectal Cancer Screening – Prof Evelien Dekker		A Practical Guide to Using Exclusive Enteral Nutrition in Paediatric and Adult Patients with Crohn's Disease – Dr Catherine Wall & Dr Stephanie Brown	
11:45am – 12:15pm	Reaching All Communities: Gastroenterology in Regional, Remote, and Indigenous Settings – Daniel Lightowler			
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Endoscopic Therapy for Zenker's Diverticulum – Can We Say Goodbye to ENT Surgeons? – Dr Vinay Sehgal			
12:45pm – 1:15pm	Challenges Facing Provincial Gastroenterology in New Zealand – Dr Tom Boswell			
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Conference Close – Prof Andrew Day & Karen Kempin			
1:45pm	Trainee Activity			