

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2025

FLY PALMY ARENA
PALMERSTON NORTH
26 - 28 NOVEMBER 2025

Programme as of 24 November 2025

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

10:00am – 4:30pm	NZNEA Study Day <i>Kindly sponsored by Pharmaco</i>	Room: Corporate Lounge 4
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Exhibitor Pack-in	Room: Arena 3
6:30pm – 8:00pm	NZ Women in Gastroenterology <i>Kindly sponsored by New Zealand Medical Indemnity Insurance</i>	Venue: Distinction Palmerston North Hotel

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

8:00am – 9:00am	Clinical Directors Meeting <i>(By invitation only)</i>	Room: Corporate Lounge 1
8:30am – 9:30am	Delegate Arrival and Registration	
9:30am – 10:10am	Pōwhiri and Welcome	Room: Fly Palmy Arena
10:10am – 10:30am	Morning Tea Amongst the Exhibition	Room: Arena 3
Session 1: Plenary Session 1		
Room: Fly Palmy Arena		
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	Room: Arena 3

Session 2: Plenary Session 2 Room: Fly Palmy Arena				
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 Room: Arena 3			
	Session 3A: IBD Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 3B: Functional Gut Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 3C: Endoscopy Video Session Room: Corporate Lounge 3	Session 3D: Nurses Session Room: Corporate Lounge 4
3:30pm – 4:00pm	An Update on the Management of Acute Severe Colitis – Clinical and Scientific Perspectives – <i>A/Prof Graham Radford-Smith</i>	3:30pm - 4:00pm Approach to Chronic Nausea and Vomiting – <i>Prof Chris Andrews</i>	Sphincter to Sphincter Endoscopic Oesophageal Recanalization – The First Case in the World – <i>Dr Cameron Schauer</i>	Building Resilience, Wellness and Achieving Job Satisfaction – <i>Sharon Powell</i>
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Gut Barrier Function and Its Role in Inflammatory Bowel Disease – <i>Dr Tom Mules</i>	4:00pm - 4:20pm The GI Motility MDT - Beyond the Gastroenterologist – <i>Dr Andrew Lane</i>	Endoscopic Intermuscular Dissection for Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer – <i>Dr Anurag Sekra</i>	Managing Challenging Behaviours – <i>Karen Kempin</i>
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Dysplasia Surveillance in UC – <i>Dr Kayla Sliman</i>	4:20pm - 4:40pm EndoFlip Assessment of GI Motility – <i>Dr Chris Cederwall</i> 4:40pm - 5:00pm Endoscopic Management of Motility Disorders – <i>Dr Cameron Schauer</i>	The Use of Cognitive Science and Video Coaching in Endoscopy Training – <i>Dr David McGouran</i>	Presenting New Pathway for NE – <i>Tania Waylen</i>
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Welcome Function and Networking Venue: Amongst the Exhibition, Arena 3			

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

7:00am – 8:00am	CRK Professional Precision 5km Charity Fun Run and Walk				Location: He Ara Kotahi Pathway & Bridge
8:00am – 8:45am	AbbVie Breakfast Symposium FutureIBD: Taking an Evidence-Based Approach in Clinical Practice - <i>A/Prof Britt Christensen</i>				Room: Corporate Lounge 1
8:30am	Registration Open				
	Session 4A: YIA Finalists Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 4B: Free Papers Endoscopy & Innovation in Gastroenterology Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 4C: Free Papers Hepatology & Nutrition Corporate Lounge 3	Session 4D: Nurses Session Corporate Lounge 4	
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>Dr Mirthe Van Der Valk</i>	Abdominal Pain: Observations and Opportunities for Improvement – <i>Jude Leader</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 Correia</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 From New Zealand's First Helicobacter Pylori Treatment Registry. – <i>Dr Richard Tyrrell</i>	Biodegradable Biliary Stenting for Post-Cholecystectomy Bile Leaks: A Single Tertiary Centre Audit – <i>Dr Wei Wu</i>	A Pilot Study to Assess the Effectiveness, Acceptability, and Feasibility of Two Models of 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 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>	Psychology - Trauma Informed Care Frameworks – <i>Dr Kirsty Ross</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>Aakash Prasad</i>	
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea Amongst the Exhibition			Room: Arena 3
	Session 5A: YIA Finalists Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 5B: Free Papers Luminal Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 5C: Nurses Free Papers Room: Corporate Lounge 4	
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>Prof Andrew Day</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>Brighid 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			Room: Arena 3
12:45pm – 1:15pm	NZSG AGM			Room: Corporate Lounge 2
12:45pm – 1:45pm	NZgNC AGM			Room: Corporate Lounge 4

	Session 6A: IBD Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 6B: H Pylori Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 6C: Green Endoscopy Room: Corporate Lounge 3	Session 6D: Nurses Session Corporate Lounge 4
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Small Molecules in the Management of IBD – <i>A/Prof Britt Christensen</i>	Syndemics – How Infections, Long-Term Conditions, and Poverty Interact and Why It Matters – <i>Prof Michael Baker</i>	Endoscopy Quality: NEQIP/NZGRS 2025 Update – <i>Dr Malcolm Arnold</i>	UK Training Programme for the Endoscopy Workforce – <i>Sharon Powell</i>
2:15pm – 2:45pm	The Management of Pregnancy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease – <i>Prof Richard Gearry</i>	Epidemiology of H. pylori in Aotearoa New Zealand: Early Survey Results – <i>Dr Andrea Teng</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			Room: Arena 3
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea Amongst the Exhibition			Room: Arena 3
	Session 7A: Endoscopy Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 7B: H Pylori Continued Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 7C: Nurses Session Continued Room: Corporate Lounge 4	
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Serrated Polyps: Do They Really Do Harm, and How to Optimize Management? – <i>Prof Evelien Dekker</i>	International H Pylori Consortium – <i>Dr Stephen Inns</i>	Improving Outcomes for Patients With Esophageal Cancer – <i>Anna Maihi</i>	
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Early Oesophageal Cancer: What to Look For, What to Refer – <i>A/Prof Nick Burgess</i>	Testing – <i>Prof David Hayman</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>	Test and Treat: A Screening Programme in NZ – <i>Dr Karen Bartholomew</i>	Updates in Preventative Care in IBD – <i>Daniel Lightowler</i>	
7:00pm – late	Conference Dinner Theme/dress code: Reliving Your Youth			Venue: Fly Palmy Arena

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

8:30am	Registration Open			
	Session 8A: Bowel Screening and Endoscopy Quality Room: Fly Palmy Arena	Session 8B: Liver Room: Corporate Lounge 2	Session 8C: Nurses Session Corporate Lounge 3	Session 8D: Nutrition Session Room: Corporate Lounge 4
9:00am – 9:30am	Update on Initiatives and Performance of the NBSP – <i>Dr Susan Parry</i>	Gene Editing in Liver Disease – <i>Prof Ed Gane</i>	9:00am – 9:45am Generational Difference in the Workplace – <i>Karen Kempin</i>	2025 ECCO Consensus of Dietary Management of IBD – <i>A/Prof Emma Hamos & Dr Catherine Wall</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	The Health Data Platform and a National KPI Audit Cycle – <i>Dr James Irwin</i>	Surveillance in PSC – Beyond the Guidelines – <i>Dr Alex Lampen-Smith</i>	9:45am - 10:30am An Equity Initiative: Kai Pack Pre Colonoscopy – <i>Anne Cleland</i>	
10:00am – 10:30am	National Bowel Screening Māori Network: Progress and Achievements, and Future Directions – <i>Lu-ana Ngatai and Sarah Harihari</i>	Hepatology Across the Ditch – Is It Relevant to NZ? – <i>A/Prof Avik Majumdar</i>		
10:30am – 11:15am	Brunch Amongst the Exhibition Room: Arena 3			
Session 9A: Plenary Session 3 Room: Fly Palmy Arena			Session 9B: Nutrition Session Continued Room: Corporate Lounge 4	
11:15am – 11:45am	Endoscopic Therapy for Zenker’s Diverticulum – Can We Say Goodbye to ENT Surgeons? – <i>Dr Vinay Sehgal</i>		EEN in the Treatment of Paediatric Crohn’s Disease – <i>Prof Andrew Day</i>	
11:45am – 12:15pm	Reaching All Communities: Gastroenterology in Regional, Remote, and Indigenous Settings – <i>Daniel Lightowler</i>		Ten Years of EEN in Paediatric Crohn’s Disease: Outcomes, Cases and Voices From Children – <i>Dr Stephanie Brown</i>	
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Challenges Facing Provincial Gastroenterology in New Zealand – <i>Dr Tom Boswell</i>			
12:45pm – 1:15pm	The Future of Colorectal Cancer Screening – <i>Prof Evelien Dekker</i>		Prevention of Hospital Admissions for Small Bowel Obstructions: A Case Study – <i>Dr Catherine Wall</i>	
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Conference Close <i>Prof Andrew Day, NZSG Karen Kempin & Emma Deere, NZgNC</i>			