

FRIDAY 10 APRIL - DAY ONE

9.15am	Rural Nurses Chapter Hui							Mākaro
10.15am	Pōwhiri							
10.45am	Welcome to day one Julian Wilcox							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
10.55am	Conference opening Dr Fiona Bolden, Chair, Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
11.00am	Welcome Dr Viviana Martinez, President of WONCA							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
11.10am	Welcome Dr Pratyush Kumar, Chair, WONCA Working Party Rural Practice							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
11.15am	Keynote: The Problem Is Not at the Leaves: Transforming Health Systems at the Roots. Mahi a Atua: Going Deep, Challenging Ourselves to Heal, as the System, Together Dr Di Kopua and Mark Kopua, Director at Te Kurahuna Ltd							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
12.40pm	LUNCH TE KAI O TE RĀNUI							Rōngomātāne Foyer
1.35pm	Pounamu sponsor - Spark Health John Macaskill-Smith, CEO Spark Health							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.50pm	Panel: How future New Zealand Governments will enact the Rural Health Strategy to remove health inequities in rural communities Hon Matt Doocey, Kayla Kingdon-Bebb, Hūhana Lyndon, Hon Mark Patterson, Dan Rosewarne, Todd Stephenson							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
2.45pm	Minister's address Hon Matt Doocey							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA PARAMANAWA							Rōngomātāne Foyer
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3.45pm	The lived experiences of rural Tuvaluan migrants navigating the New Zealand healthcare system Dr Jane Taafaki	Redesigning Rural and Remote Urgent Care in Aotearoa New Zealand Rachel Pearce	Unique rural generalist nurse practitioner roles in Aotearoa New Zealand Nola Rochford, Sara Mason, Kathy Hines, Jennie Bell, Fiona Blair, Sarah Jane Lawson	Quality in general practice – Case studies from rural general practices in Aotearoa New Zealand Sandhaya Bhawan, Heidi Bubendorfer	Proof of concept: AI-assisted documentation in rural general practice – Comparing stand-alone and EMIS-integrated tools Dr Nina Jyne Minette Dela Cruz	Weaving the future of rural health: A Kaupapa Māori case study of the Tairāwhiti Comprehensive Primary Care Team (CPCT) Lana Reed	From words to action: Advancing indigenous and climate health through purposeful action Sarah Lowden, David Amaya, Dr Ojstoh Horn <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	A framework for enhanced diversity in rural medical leadership: Co-creating the path forward Dr Sarah Lespérance, Dr Sarah Chalmers, Dr Fiona Bolden
4.05pm	The impact of rurality and socio-economic deprivation on Māori:Non-Māori health inequities Prof Sue Crengle, Dr Jane Taafaki <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Narrative and visual illustrations as discourse enhance rural representations Prof Jean Ross	Midwifery. Aotearoa and rural generalism Laura Aileone	Rural influences on maternity care: Insights from Taranaki and Whanganui, Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Emma Davey	Post-cyclone rain anxiety – A virtual reality solution to access to care in the Tairāwhiti district Pamela Albert	Using body-cameras to understand staff informal learning environments in rural healthcare: A video reflexive ethnographical study Keryn Wright		
4.25pm	Childhood Māori:Non-Māori health inequities; The impact of rurality and socio-economic deprivation Prof Sue Crengle, Dr Jane Taafaki <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Cut off from cancer care? Exploration of access to cancer care after Cyclone Gabrielle in the Hawke's Bay region Assoc Prof Lesley Gray <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Pre-hospital perspectives from the Scottish Highlands Dr Gordon Smith	Children of the Lake: Challenges of growing in rural Cambodia Dr Neakiry Kivi	Co-designing a culturally responsive and sustainable national indigenous-led virtual health care service model for rural Australia Dr Bushra Nasir	Te Ara Whakamua: Delivering a Bachelor of Nursing Māori programme in rural Northland, Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Pipi Barton		
4.35pm	Partnering with patients to improve rural emergency department care Dr Shabnam Asghari <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Advancing Equity and Innovation in Rural Health: The National Clinical Network Rural Health Approach A/Prof Jo Scott-Jones	Factors affecting medical students' interests in working in rural areas in North India – A qualitative inquiry Prof Sonu Goel	Decolonising digital social protection model for maternal nutrition: A frugal path to resource independence in an LMIC setting Faith Siva	Consumer preferences for digital health technologies for primary healthcare in remote Indigenous Australian communities Dr Amy von Huben	Integrated Health Therapist Model in rural USA Casey Westphal		
4.50pm	Keynote: Primary Health Care in outer islands of the Pacific region Prof Sir Collin Tukuitonga							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
5.30pm	Guest Speaker: The Zoo - After Dark Dr Mark Bryan							Tāwhirimātea Plenary
6.00pm	The Zoo: After Dark							Te Nukuao Wellington Zoo

SATURDAY 11 APRIL - DAY TWO

7.15am	Rural General Practic Chapter Hui								Tāwhirimātea C
8.30am	Welcome to day two Māni Dunlop								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
8.35am	Cultural performance Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
9.00am	Keynote: Te Hā a Muriwhenua. Coming home. Thoughts from a psychiatrist working in primary care Dr Hinemoa Elder								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
10.00am	MORNING TEA PARAMANAWA								Rōngomātāne Foyer
10.30am	Panel: How can rural generalism be supercharged to drive recruitment, training and retention for the betterment of rural health?– Global perspectives Laura Aileone, Prof Ian Couper, Dr Alison Dymmott, Tania Kemp, Prof Roger Strasser, Prof Lucie Walters Kindly sponsored by GPNZ								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
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11.30am	Exploring the impact of rurality and socio-economic deprivation on a range of adult health outcomes for Māori and non-Māori Prof Garry Nixon <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Enabling equity for Māori in rural primary care Jess Morgan-French <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Regulating physician associates in Aotearoa: Enhancing rural continuity, timely assessment, and team-based care Andie Cook	Can't touch this: Can virtual physical examination devices revolutionise telehealth and improve access to healthcare in Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Savannah Da Silva	Bridging the gap: A rural health equity model from India Dr Roshni Jhan Ganguly <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Randomised waitlist-controlled trial of a 10-week community programme using a plant-based diet, adapted from the BROAD Study, in a Predominantly Māori population in Tairāwhiti, Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Nicholas Wright	Empowering women in rural general practice – Leadership, advocacy and mentoring Dr Christie Rodda	POC NOW: From Evidence to Action - Strengthening Rural Primary Care through Point-of-Care Testing Dr Fiona Bolden, Dr Ruben Burvenich	Beyond the referral: Seeing the whole person to strengthen rural care, workforce, and community outcomes Dr Jane George, Dr Anna Moran, Dr Veronika Rasic
11.50am	Exploring the impact of rurality and socio-economic deprivation on a range of child health outcomes for Māori and non-Māori A/Prof Gabrielle Davie <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Tāpiri Mai: Mana motuhake in action: Equitable health for remote communities Hera Murray, Dr Claire Isham <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Te Whare Taumata o Nēhi Taiwhenua o Aotearoa – Rural nursing in new zealand Gemma Hutton, Shawna Stephens	Strengthening rural healthcare: Insights from best practices and innovations from low- and middle-income countries Prof Sonu Goel	Working together: Cross-sectional research relationships to support young farmer health and wellbeing in Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Nicky Stanley-Clarke	AI with the team, not at the team: Responsible enterprise AI governance to extend rural health capacity Glynis Sandland	Rural clinical placement programmes: A tale of two models Prof Fiona Doolan-Noble, Jewel Barlow-Armstrong, Sam Simpkins		
12.10pm	Who's rural? Examining rural-urban migration in the later years of life Dr Jesse Whitehead <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Equity in palliative care: The Pōwhiri Model – Returning to the marae ātea Jesse Davis <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Scoping review: Rural generalist obstetrics Dr Brendan Marshall	Building rural medication safety using a practice cohort management system Prof Lucie Walters	Rural mental health strengths and social connectedness: Findings from the Australian National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing Dr Annika Luebbe	Improving patient self-management through technology-enabled remote care Chi Ling Chan	Permanent education for the health team in the riverine communities: Strengthening technical knowledge and empowering professionals in the Amazon Alice Mesquita		
12.20pm	Rural–urban differences in cardiovascular disease mortality and cardiac service utilisation: An observational study Dr Rory Miller <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Rural medicine – A distinct academic discipline? A NZ perspective A/Prof Katharina Blattner <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Growing and supporting a rural and remote allied health workforce: Is a College of Rural and Remote Allied Health the answer? Cath Maloney		Geographic disparities in depression and chronic disease multimorbidity in Australian primary care A/Prof Srinivas Kondalsamy-Chennakesavan	Bridging the Gap: A Telehealth Simulation to Prepare Urban Nursing Students for Rural Healthcare Challenges Kim Hicks	Future-proofing the rural medical education workforce: Understanding the roles and responsibilities Dr David Schmidt		
12.30pm	LUNCH TE KAI O TE RĀNUI								Rōngomātāne Foyer
12.30pm	Lunchtime performance - Inside the GP Consultation								Rongomātāne B
12.30pm	POSTERS								Tāwhirimātea Foyer
12.45pm	Rural Communities Aotearoa Chapter Hui				Rōngomātāne A	Rural Hospitals Chapter Hui			Rōngomātāne C
1.34pm	Pounamu Pathway: A 25-Year Journey in Rural Generalism Grounded in Community Dr Brendan Marshall								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.40pm	12 tips to kickstart research that matters to your rural community, while bringing joy to your practice Dr Wendy Graham								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.46pm	Delivering Health Care in the Himalayas: Experience from Phaplu hospital, Solukhumbu, Nepal Dr Ram Babu Joshi								Tāwhirimātea Plenary

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2.00pm	Advancing medical education in rural and remote settings in Australia: Prioritising equity, sovereignty, place, and community A/Prof Emma Kennedy <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Bridging clinical and community care through social prescribing: An initiative in rural indigenous Taiwan Dr Tingchia Weng <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Power in Partnerships: Growing a Culturally Safe Rural Workforce Richard Colbran	Misinformation in rural health: an online epidemic Ronan Payinda	From connection to contribution: How rural AHPs' sense of service transforms professional identity and practice Dr Jane George	Creating health pathways that matter: A First Nations health education hub in higher education settings Donna-Maree Stephens, Dr Clare Quinlan	Thriving rural teams and training centres – From survival to sustainability Dr David Walker	Joining the journal community – how becoming a reviewer enriches your professional work! Prof Paul Worley, Prof Ian Couper, A/Prof Kati Blattner	
2.20pm	Community Holistic Health & Wellness Program through Community Volunteers (Wellness Mitras) for Lifestyle Disease Risk Reduction in Rural Population A/Prof Kumar Santosh	Can we fix it? Yes we can! Addressing rural health workforce challenges by embedding paramedics in primary care Prof Evelien Spelten <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	He hāpai ō. Those who provide sustenance and support. Te Ara Arorereitini, ADHD pathway for assessment and treatment, a review. Dr Hinemoa Elder	Red flags and realities: Implementing acute assessment protocols in remote primary health clinics in the Northern Territory, Australia Luke Arkapaw	Gaining traction in the snow – Building and sustaining a collaborative for interprofessional education in a rural/northern environment Dr Karey McCullough	Advanced skill training for rural generalists: Lessons from the National Advanced Skills Training Program Dr Gavin Parker			
2.40pm	Optimising longer-term training for general practitioners in rural Aboriginal medical services across Australia Dr Patrick Giddings <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Consequences of differences in availability of out of hours care in a rural county Dr Gry Berntzen <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Assessment for Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine – A model for a remotely delivered assessment Dr Jeremy Webber	Worlds apart – Rural allied health comparison between New Zealand and Scotland Kyla Jasperse	Closing the gap in tamariki ear health: Piloting AI for earlier detection and better access Jess Morgan-French	Rural placements for health sciences students: “My placement has opened my eyes to the way that healthcare works in a rural setting” Prof Eileen McKinlay			
2.50pm	Faculty development in new rural and underserved residencies Shelby Rimmler-Cohen		Te Wao Nui a Tāne: A rural framework for nurturing generalism and interprofessional collaboration in education Dr Hannah Lawn						
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA PARAMANAWA								
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3.30pm	Expanded practice for rural midwives: Enhancing equity in Aotearoa Shelley Tweedie <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	‘Pae Ora o Te Tai o Poutini’ Improved access to health services for Māori through the provision of general practice (GP) and nurse-led community clinics Dr Greville Wood <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Strengthening rural and indigenous health training in PGY programs in Taiwan: Insights from Puli Christian Hospital and international standards Dr Ta-Chun Hua	How nurse prescribers are enhancing community wellbeing of remote Māori populations – A case study Dr Elina Pekansaari, Gina Chaffey-Aupouri	Rural people shaping research: Australia's Rural Health Consumer Panel Dr Fiona Dangerfield	A self-hosted, bilingual eLearning platform to strengthen family medicine education in Ukraine Dr Lara Wieland	Applying a rural lens to GPEP1 registrar placement in Aotearoa New Zealand George Burrowes	Resident-led junior preceptorships: Building teaching capacity and advancing equity in rural family medicine Dr Jyothi Patri, Dr Swapna Palav, Dr Shravan Gangula, Karthik Angara, Sakshi Palav	Rural health models for one-quarter of the world's population: Integrating indigenous wisdom and equity from South Asia Dr Roshni Jhan Ganguly
3.50pm	Strengthening rural care: Community-led pathways for advancing gender-affirming healthcare in Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Katie McMenamin <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Community perspectives on access, knowledge, and behaviours influencing oral health in rural Australia A/Prof Virginia Dickson-Swift <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Beyond Technology Transfer: Developing PEARLS Obstetrics & Gynaecology in Response to Pacific Community Demand for Sustainable Maternal Health Capacity Jo McCann	Enhancing long-term condition care – Te Oranga Pumau Aroha Henry, Sarah Williams	Establishing rural health research priorities for Hauora Taiwhenua: A Delphi study Dr Lynne Clay	Growing our own: Measuring the impacts of place-based interprofessional allied health degrees in rural and remote Australia Dr Alison Dymmott	The ScotGEM generalist clinical mentor: An agents of change story Dr Gordon Smith		
4.10pm	From systemic gaps to whānau-centred solutions: Advancing equity in breast screening Dr Kara Ackerman <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Niho Ora ki Hauraki: Breaking barriers to oral health care in Hauraki Amaru Donaldson <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Enhancing Rural Health Access through Engagement, Trust and Cultural Responsiveness Dr Richard Colbran	Rural wellbeing – Supporting Whāiora to engage in their community Denham Pivac	Establishing a research unit in a small rural health service Prof Paul Worley	Revolutionising GP workflows in a small rural village in Hampshire, England: Pilot evaluation of Ambient AI for documentation and efficiency Dr Nina Jyne Minette Dela Cruz	What are the experiences of Stellenbosch University medical students undertaking rural longitudinal integrated training in their final year? Prof Ian Couper		
4.20pm		A mobile operating theatre model for enhancing paediatric dental access and rural healthcare capability Dr Timothy Mackay <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>		Tū Wairua: Safely integrating psilocybin-assisted therapy in Māori community settings Dr Patrick McHugh		Preparedness of West Coast for the Alpine Fault rupture: a qualitative exploration Annise Boothroyd-Drury	Strengthening rural optometry: Curriculum design for an equitable rural workforce Dr Jaymie Rogers		
4.45pm	Keynote: From the edge: Using technology to build better healthcare for real people in remote places Dr David McCormack								
5.30pm	Day close								
7.00pm	Conference and Awards Dinner								

Rōngomātāne Foyer

Tāwhirimātea Plenary

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Tākina

SUNDAY 12 APRIL - DAY THREE

8.30am	Rural Midwifery and Maternity Chapter Hui								Mākaro	
8.30am	Welcome to day three Julian Wilcox								Tāwhirimātea Plenary	
8.35am	Cultural performance Aotea College Kuki Airani Mapu supported by Breed Music and Inano Dance								Tāwhirimātea Plenary	
9.00am	Keynote: General Practice for a Brave New World Prof Dee Mangin								Tāwhirimātea Plenary	
9.45am	Panel: Case studies of successfully integrating indigenous health models into rural service delivery across the globe – what can we learn? Mike Edmonds, Dr Roshni Jhan Ganguly, Sarah Lowden, Dr Bushra Nasir, Shayna Rameka, Hone Taimona								Tāwhirimātea Plenary	
10.40am	MORNING TEA PARAMANAWA								Rōngomātāne Foyer	
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11.10am	Intersecting impacts of ethnicity, rurality and socioeconomic deprivation on diabetes management in Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Dillon Manuirangi <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Whai Ora. 'Ka Hikitia Ka Ora'. An indigenous, multidisciplinary model advancing rural health equity in Aotearoa Suzanne Moorhouse, Dr Kara Ackerman	Te Mana o te Waiata: Healthcare workforce wellbeing using Waiata as a tool for healing, Mātauranga Māori, and connection John Lawrence Kereama, Robin Chan	Building a rural and remote allied health assistant workforce Gemma Tuxworth	Mind the Gap: Insights into rural Australians' experiences with oral health care Dr Fiona Dangerfield <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	From research to real-world impact: The Attract Connect Stay framework's journey to transforming rural workforce retention Dr Cath Cosgrave	Integrating Tikanga Māori and Mātauranga Māori in induction, orientation and professional development of doctors at Whakatāne Hospital Dr Philippa Cross	Defying the odds: How small rural workforce programs can be sustained through governance, leadership, and evidence Dr Patrick Giddings	Prioritising First Nations ways: reframing patient-centred care through cultural safety Dr Kay Brumpton, Prof Tarun Sen Gupta, Dr Raylene Ward	
11.30am	Transforming diabetes and metabolic health with Aboriginal people living on Ngarrindjeri Country: Insights from the co-designed Nra:gi Ya:yun healthy eating initiative Prof Paul Worley <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	14th EURIPA Rural Health Forum 'Wittenberg Statement 2025': Advancing a rural reformation in European healthcare Prof Joyce Kenkre <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	When whānau lead: Restoring mana motuhake in health care Hemaima Reihana-Tait	The wero was laid and accepted – An allied health journey with Wharekauri, Rēkohu, Chatham Islands Kyla Jasperse	Health outcomes for Pacific peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand. Exploring the impact of rurality and socio-economic deprivation Dr Jane Taafaki	Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua – Looking back to move forward. Enhancing rural community wrap-around support for rural students and locums Gill Genet	Rolling with change: Key learnings and positive outcomes from development of a dynamically-evolving rural and remote medical education model Dr Matthew Ruhl			
11.50am	Te Tai Poutini: Working towards a gold standard in diabetes prevention and care Jade Breeze <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Policy transition at the margins: Local and decolonial perspectives on Taiwan's shift in healthcare delivery model for remote indigenous communities Dr Ta-Chun Hua <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Pou Ora Pillars of Health: A reimagined way of delivering primary care that's equitable, innovative, and built to last. Jess Morgan-French <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Impact of telehealth on rural general practice in Aotearoa New Zealand Ruth Large	Rural:Urban comparison using the New Zealand Health Survey Sebastian Watson	Connected communities: Place-based workforce retention through community-led action A/Prof Christina Malatzky	Advancing Pae Ora: Harnessing Collective Impact for Whānau-Centred Health Transformation in Ōtaki and Horowhenua Amarjit Maxwell			Building diagnostic capacity in rural India Dr Vasundhara Rangaswamy, Dr Ramakrishna Prasad
12.10pm	The hidden burden of type 2 diabetes in rural and Māori communities is masked by a lack of routine monitoring Dr Rawiri Keenan <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Ethical issues in tribal health in India Dr Mahesh Devnani <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	The Birth Related Cardiovascular Health (BiRCH) Clinic: Inviting the generations; Culture as medicine Dr Jennifer Kask	Rural realities: A qualitative study of physical activity promotion by physiotherapists in Aotearoa New Zealand Charlotte Watson	Building bridges in rural healthcare: Integrating care pathways through family physicians Dr Roshni Jhan Ganguly	The impact of rural postgraduate training on rural recruitment of physicians Dr Anders Svensson	Developing and maintaining a primary care undergraduate medical student teaching faculty in rural Scotland Dr Lloyd Thompson			
12.20pm	Highlighting rural inequities in the prevalence of cardiovascular risk assessment screening and stroke/myocardial infarction: A review of primary care data Dr Rawiri Keenan <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Policy to practice: Barriers and enablers for Community Health Officers (CHO) in strengthening rural healthcare delivery in India Dr Kritika Upadhyay <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Rural but not rural: Health infrastructure lessons from the Southern Lakes Dr Jez Leftley <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	The first five minutes after snakebite: GP-led, low-cost education to correct first-aid myths in rural Sri Lanka Dr Mohamed Iqbal Mohamed Shuja	On the front line twice: Rural nursing in the wake of natural disasters Leanne Ryan <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>					
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12.45pm	Rural Scientific, Technical and Allied Health Chapter Hui				Rōngomātāne A	HTRHN Portal Training Session (Members Only)			Rōngomātāne B	
12.45pm	Workshop – Development of the WHO Global Plan of Action (GPA) on the Health of Indigenous Peoples								Rōngomātāne C	

1.30pm	Staying Local, Serving Rural: Ten Years of Rural Hospital Medicine Training in Te Tai Tokerau Northland, Aotearoa Joshua Miedema								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.36pm	Not just the "Plus-1" - Rural Physician Partner Perspectives on Recruitment & Retention Dr Sarah Lespérance								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.42pm	How to support the development of clinical courage in our rural generalist registrars Prof Lucie Walters								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
1.48pm	Local Investment, Lasting Impact: South Taranaki's Support for the Rural Medical Immersion Programme (RMIP) Dr Hannah Lawn								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
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2.05pm	Strengthening infectious disease response in rural central Africa under climate stress and fragility Ella Mbombo Kabeya, Ada Ntumba Kashala <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	The New Zealand Health Story: Advancing the Rural Health Strategy for Better Health Outcomes Helen MacGregor <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Rural pipeline or a rural river? The role of social capital in shaping a rural workforce Dr Kyle Eggleton	Strengthening Rural Health Outcomes through Single Employer Models in Queensland Prof Ewen McPhee	Attachment to primary care in rural areas: Lesson from Ontario, Canada Dr Rick Glazier	Alabama's Rural Health Leaders Pipeline: What difference has it made after twenty-five years? Prof John Wheat	Collaboration for multidisciplinary research to address health inequalities Prof Joyce Kenkre	How to support the development of clinical courage in our rural generalist registrars Prof Lucie Walters, Prof Ian Couper	
2.25pm	How and why geographical narcissism skews interest in rural medical careers Prof Riitta Partanen	A health system response to addressing rural health inequities Jane Kinsey <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Marae-based hauora co-designing integrated community healthcare solutions in the Far North Neta Smith	Rural food insecurity in Aotearoa New Zealand: Protections, patterns and persistent inequities Kahurangi Dey	Models of care / Indigenous-led program innovation Mike Edmonds, Dr Adrian Wilson <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Shearing the whole sheep: Implementing the National Rural Generalist Pathway in a small rural health service Wayne Champion			
2.45pm	Rural is not just urban with trees and some animals: Rethinking planning and measurement in rural health systems Phil Wheble <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Rural 360: Strengthening rural research capacity through a community-engaged model in Canada Dr Shabnam Asghari <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Reaching whānau across Muriwhenua, Far North, New Zealand Joanne Urlich, Kyra Stanisich <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Rurality considerations when using a centralized wait list to increase attachment to primary care in Ontario, Canada Dr Michael Green	Equitable emergency care education: Lessons from the emergency medicine education and training program across rural and remote Australia Dr Juan Carlos Ascencio-Lane, Cassandra Beer	Harrowing the furrows – Re-grassing Kaikōura health services Dr Andrea Judd			
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3.35pm	Kaitiakitanga. A Pākehā GP transformed by a Mātauranga Māori view of care Dr Lucy O'Hagan	How have the demographic characteristics of older general practitioners in rural and remote Australia changed over the past decade? Prof Fiona Doolan-Noble	The inequitable impact of climate change on health service accessibility Dr Jesse Whitehead <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	He Awa Whiria: Braiding Mātauranga Māori and Western medicine – Part 1 Shayna Rameka	An introduction to the European Rural Isolated Practice Association (EURIPA) Prof Joyce Kenkre	Your voice, Your future: What RNZCGP Workforce Surveys tell us about rural GPs Dr Prabani Wood	Home-grown nurse practitioners: Strengthening rural health through local, sustainable workforce models Lisa Friesen, Jessica Dixon, Ciara Corrigan	Tūhauora Shared Medical Appointments: Maraе-Based, Iwi-Led Care Transforming Rural Māori Health Dr Robin Chan	From plans to practice: Sustaining and scaling rural research capacity for a learning healthcare community Dr Shabnam Asghari
3.55pm	Exercising sovereignty over our own health Trudy Brown <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	One rural hospital's experiences of urban-based house officers undertaking 3-month rotations Dr Rosalie Evans	Fostering community relationships and connections key to promoting improved health outcomes in Kāpiti Cherie Seamark, Sarah Duncan	He Awa Whiria: Braiding Mātauranga Māori and Western medicine – Part 2 Elisabeth Fincher	Exploring how rural GPs engage in the health policy process in Wales and Northern Ireland Dr Veronika Rasic	Advancing rural workforce recruitment and retention through a rural GP elective framework Dr Mark Smith	Rural-urban distribution of nursing workforce in Aotearoa NZ Michelle Smith	Use of drone technology in tuberculosis diagnosis in rural and tribal areas of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Telangana, India Dr Bhushan Kamble	
4.15pm	A journey of integrating Te Ao Māori into Clinical Connect Peer Education Natalie Clement <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Measuring what matters: Frameworks for assessing community health worker performance in LMICs: A mixed-methods systematic review Dr Kritika Upadhyay	The Same But Different: Evidence and context for rural health promotion in nine small towns Jake Wiffen	He oranga whānau, he oranga marae: Creating community wellbeing through marae-based healthcare A/Prof Awanui Te Huia	From polio workers to comprehensive primary health care agents: Rethinking the role of Lady Health Workers in rural Balochistan, Pakistan Dr Niaz Ahmed	Applying principles of adult learning to rural health electives in a medical school curriculum Dr Tamekha Develyn	Making the pathway a pathway: Coordinated run-through training in rural hospital medicine Dr Jack Haywood	Delivering Comprehensive Primary Healthcare in the Remote Brazilian Amazon: Challenges and Adaptations of Riverside and Fluvial Family Health Teams Senhor Pedro Lima de Almeida Martins-Costa	
4.25pm	Te Haupapa kohatu Mōtiti. A kaumātua program based on Mōtiti Island, a remote Island challenged with equitable access to healthcare Krystal Masoe	Bridging Rural Pharmacy Workforce Gaps in Aotearoa: Immigration-enabled recruitment at Taumarunui and Mangawhai Pharmacies Lanny Wong	Supporting the professional development of the remote primary health care workforce in the Northern Territory, Australia: An evaluation of the Project ECHO pilot James Smith			New rural residency programs increase access to care Shelby Rimmler-Cohen	Care Close to Home: A Model of GP Oncology Delivering Cancer Treatment in Remote Northern Canada Dr Sarah Cook <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Taumata Rongoa o Hauora Hokainga Hone Taimona	
4.40pm	John McLeod Oration Dr Jo Scott-Jones								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
5.30pm	Day close								Tāwhirimātea Plenary
6.45pm	Movie Night at Embassy Theatre								Embassy Theatre

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8.20am	Welcome to day four Julian Wilcox					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
8.25am	Cultural Performance Tautua Dance Company					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
8.45am	Introduction to Keynote presentation Dr Rod Martin					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
8.55am	Keynote presentation Dr Pratyush Kumar, Chair, WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
9.15am	Keynote presentation Theadora Swift Koller, Senior Technical Advisor, WHO					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
9.45am	WWPRP FLIGHT Grant Awards 2026 - presentations Indigenous Community Oriented Primary Care in Rural New Zealand: Lessons from the Hauora Hokianga Model for Indonesia and Comparable Health Systems Dr Dewanto Andoko					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
	Understanding Rural Healthcare Delivery in New Zealand: Insights from Kaikōura and Implications for Resource-Limited Settings Manuel Jacob					
10.00am	Awards presentation					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
10.15am	MORNING TEA PARAMANAWA					Rōngomātāne Foyer
10.45am	Panel: Creating an enduring legacy from the learnings of Rural WONCA 2026 Mikaela Bohnenn, Dr Fiona Bolden, Margareth Broodkorn, Dr Pratyush Kumar, Dr Aniva Lawrence, Helen MacGregor, Dr Viviana Martinez-Bianchi, Dr Joseph Scott-Jones, Mark Smith, Theodora Swift Coller Representative from the WWPRP FLIGHT Grant					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
	Concurrent session 8a: Tāwhirimātea C	Concurrent session 8b: Rongomātāne A	Concurrent session 8c: Rongomātāne C	Concurrent session 8d: Tāwhirimātea Plenary	Concurrent session 8e: Tāwhirimātea E	Workshop 8a: Video Presentations Whāitaitai
11.30am	Ka Ora Telecare – Health NZ’s supported model for rural after-hours telehealth: Presentation and trends from telephone and video consults Dr Aimi Nishimura <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Embedding multi-level mentorship in rural physician research training: A qualitative study of the 6for6 program Dr Shabnam Asghari	Empowering hearts: Revolutionising heart failure care in a rural district of Tanjong Karang, Malaysia Dr Baharuddin Siti Athirah	Developing a rural health services framework for Aotearoa New Zealand Dr Carol Atmore	Neurodivergence in the rural health workforce: From burnout risk to sustainable strength Dr Jez Leftley	Tūhauora Shared Medical Appointments: Marae-Based, Iwi-Led Care Transforming Rural Māori Health Dr Robin Chan
11.50am	Virtual health service use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with chronic diseases: Patterns and associated factors A/Prof Srinivas Kondalsamy-Chennakesavan <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	Effectiveness- Implementation Pilot to Reduce Time to Initiation of TB Treatment in Rural and Tribal Regions of South-Eastern Rajasthan, India Using a Portable Handheld X ray and TruNAT-based Nucleic Acid Amplification Dr Ramakrishna Prasad	The PARTNER Network: The first rural Australian rural practice-based research network Dr Suzie Harte	From research to policy: Embedding rurality into New Zealand’s primary care funding formula Rachel Pearce, Prof Garry Nixon	Medical student rural career intentions vs. rural medical workforce realities in Aotearoa Roselle Winter	Use of drone technology in tuberculosis diagnosis in rural and tribal areas of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Telangana, India. Dr Bhushan Kamble
12.10pm	Improving access to blood pressure self-monitoring: A medical centre collaborative approach Leonie Cowie <i>In collaboration with Ka Ora Telecare</i>	The operation of the rural family medicine with riverside communities in Amazonas, Brazil Alice Mesquita	Reaching rural rangatahi with Headstrong: Can a youth-centred digital tool – and careful use of AI – help close the wellbeing gap? Assoc Prof Karolina Stasiak	Measuring what matters: Co-designing a framework for rural hospital productivity in Aotearoa Dr Sarah Clarke	Hubs that teach, pokes that reach: OGET in action A/Prof Jared Watts	Delivering Comprehensive Primary Healthcare in the Remote Brazilian Amazon: Challenges and Adaptations of Riverside and Fluvial Family Health Teams Senhor Pedro Lima de Almeida Martins-Costa Taumata Rongoa o Hauora Hokainga Hone Taimona
12.30pm	LUNCH TE KAI O TE RĀNUI					Rōngomātāne Foyer
1.15pm	Keynote: Redefining what is possible Nathan Faa’vae					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
2.00pm	Pātea Māori Club					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
2.30pm	Closing and Poroporoaki					Tāwhirimātea Plenary
3.00pm	Conference close					Tāwhirimātea Plenary