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25 – 26 March 2017
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It is our pleasure to welcome you to Palmerston North and the New Zealand Association of General Surgeons Annual Scientific Meeting. It seems ideal to hold the Annual Scientific Meeting in a city where the largest industry in terms of employees is the health and community services industry.

The committee has selected a programme with strong generalist focus to appeal to the broad base of general surgery whether provincial or metropolitan, trainee or fellow, journeyman or master. We are pleased to have Mr Paterson Brown, Clinical Director of General, Vascular and Urological Surgical Services in Edinburgh along with renowned Breast Surgeon Professor Bruce Mann and Sydney Colorectal Surgeon Associate Professor Anil Keshava as visiting speakers.

I look forward to hosting you over the next 2 days, and sharing our outstanding programme with you.

Kind regards,

Mr PRAVIN KUMAR, FRACS
CONFERENCE CONVENOR
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## BREAKFAST SESSION

- **Fisher & Paykel Healthcare**
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DATE:
Saturday 25 March 2016

TIME:
7.00pm to Late

VENUE:
Manawatu Golf Course

DRESS CODE:
Smart Casual

COST:
Tickets may be purchased for $135.00

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1: SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017

0715 REGISTRATION OPENS

0815 - 0830 WELCOME

0830 - 1000 SESSION 1: BREAST/ENDOCRINE

Selective Use Of Radiotherapy For Low Risk Invasive Breast Cancer?
Prof Bruce Mann, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre

Neoadjuvant Therapy In Breast Cancer: When And How Should We Use It?
Dr Richard Issac, Palmerston North Hospital

Do Microarrays Assist In Determining The Need For Chemotherapy In Early Breast Cancer?
Prof Bruce Mann, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre

1000 - 1030 MORNING TEA

1030 - 1200 SESSION 2: LOWER GI

Current Management Of Rectal Cancer
Assoc Prof Anil Keshava, Macquarie University Hospital

Surgery For Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Mr Tim Eglinton, Canterbury DHB

Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery
Assoc Prof Anil Keshava, Macquarie University Hospital

1200 - 1300 LUNCH
1300 - 1330 NZAGS AGM

1330 - 1335 ADDRESS BY Mr Phil Truskett, President, RACS

1335 - 1505 SESSION 3: UPPER GI SURGERY  
Session Chair: Mike Young

Management Of Giant Hiatus Hernias  
Simon Paterson Brown, The University of Edinburgh

Current Management Of Oesophagogastric Cancer  
Alexandra Gordon, Mid-Central DHB

Complications Of Upper GI Surgery  
Simon Paterson Brown, The University of Edinburgh

1505 - 1530 Afternoon Tea

1530 - 1730 SESSION 4: TRAINEE AND FREE PAPER SESSIONS  
Session Chair: Ian Civil

Incidence And Significance Of Postoperative Complications Occurring Between Discharge And Thirty Days: A Prospective Cohort Study  
John Woodfield, University of Otago

Impact Of Atrial Fibrillation On Long-term Survival Following Oesophagectomy: A 21-year Observational Study  
Cameron Wells, The University of Auckland

The Burden Of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers In Auckland, New Zealand  
Ashwini Pondicherry, North Shore Hospital
Wound Outcomes In Negative Pressure Dressings (WOUND) Study – A Blinded Randomised Controlled Trial In Lower Limb Skin Cancer
Helen Ker, Waitemata DHB

External Validation Of A Web-based Risk Calculator For The Prediction Of Anastomotic Leak After Colon Cancer Surgery
Lauren Cohen, Royal Adelaide Hospital

Radiotherapy And Chemoradiotherapy For Oesophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma – A 20 Year Centre Experience
Peter Hamer, Christchurch & University of Otago

General Surgery Generic Prioritisation Tool: A Pilot Study
Eve Fitzgerald, Christchurch Hospital

Negative Appendicectomy Rates Over The Last Decade In A Tertiary Hospital In New Zealand
Kirsten de Burlet, Capital & Coast DHB

Prospective Validation Of The APPEND Clinical Prediction Rule
Malsha Kularatna, Middlemore Hospital

Closure Of The Rectal Stump Following Colectomy For Acute Severe Colitis. Is Intraperitoneal Placement Safe?
Bashar Matti, North Shore Hospital

Cost And Resource Demand Of Major Trauma In Northland
Helena Lee, Whangarei Hospital

A Comparison Of The Cost Of Primary Closure Or Rectus Abdominis Myocutaneous Flap Closure Of The Perineum After Abdominoperineal Excision
John Woodfield, University of Otago

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CONFERENCE DINNER
DAY 2: SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017

0730 REGISTRATION OPENS

0730 - 0845 BREAKFAST SESSION SPONSORED BY Fisher & Paykel HEALTHCARE

Humidified-warm Carbon Dioxide Delivery During Surgery Ameliorates Damage
Prof Rob Ramsey, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

0900 - 1030 SESSION 5: TRAUMA

Only A Few Rib Fractures - That’s Lucky
Ian Civil, The University of Auckland (15 minutes)

Chest Drain Management: Avoiding The Common Errors
Ben Wheeler, Auckland DHB (15 minutes)

Retained Haemothorax: When To Intervene And How
Li Hsee, Auckland DHB (15 minutes)

Update On Resuscitation
Ian Civil, The University of Auckland (15 minutes)

The Role Of Rib And Sternal Plating
Li Hsee, Auckland DHB (20 minutes)

Discussion
1030 - 1100  MORNING TEA

1100 - 1230  SESSION 6: GENERAL SURGERY  

Stoma Related Problems  
Assoc Prof Anil Keshava, Macquarie University Hospital

The Role Of Human Factor And Non-Technical Skills In Improving Surgical Outcomes  
Simon Paterson Brown, The University of Edinburgh

Update On Pseudomyxoma Peritonei  
Simi Lolohea, Waikato DHB

1230 - 1240  CONFERENCE CLOSE

1240 - 1325  LUNCH
POSTERS IN AN AWARD

1. The Impact Of Perioperative Chemotherapy On Oesophago-gastric Cancer Surgery Outcomes At A Provincial New Zealand Hospital
   Greg Turner, Palmerston North Hospital

   Cameron Wells, The University of Auckland

3. Survival In Patients With Peritoneal Metastases From Colorectal Cancer At Waikato Hospital
   Mei S Lee, Tauranga Hospital

4. Intra-Abdominal Abscess Post Laparoscopic Appendicectomy For Gangrenous Or Perforated Appendicitis
   Stephen Guy, Gladston Hospital

5. Appropriateness Of CT Scans For Patients With Acute Abdominal Pain
   Kirsten de Burlet, Capital & Coast DHB

   Alex Winder, Counties Manukau DHB

7. Duration Of Intravenous Antibiotics Post-Operatively In Complicated Appendicitis: Is There A Difference In Complication Rates?
   Lisa Chung, Middlemore Hospital

8. Incidence And Outcomes Of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma Excisions In Northland
   Ben Douglass, Whangarei Hospital
POSTERS NOT IN AN AWARD

1. A Single Centre Review Of The Treatment Of Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding With Endovascular Embolisation
   Mark Kelly, Auckland City Hospital

2. 5 Year Outcomes In Patients With Colorectal Adenocarcinoma Treated In Northland
   Christopher Harmston, Whangarei Hospital

3. Massive Localised Lymphoedema: A New Benign Entity In The Morbidly Obese Patient
   Jeffrey Tan, Waikato Hospital

4. Comparing The Association Of P-Possum Score And ASA Class With Mortality In Patients Undergoing Emergency Laparotomy
   Stephen Guy, Gladstone Hospital

5. Systematic Review Of Diagnostic Pathways For Patients Presenting With Acute Abdominal Pain
   Kirsten de Burlet, Capital & Coast DHB

6. Clinical Prediction Rules For Appendicitis In Adults: Which Is Best?
   Malsha Kularatna, Middlemore Hospital

7. Emergency Gastric Sleeve For Acute Gastric Necrosis
   Ilaitia Delasau, Middlemore Hospital

8. Adjuvant Pain Management For Breast Cancer Surgery: Audit In A Rural New Zealand Hospital
   Ahmed Omar, Whanganui Hospital

9. The Role Of Intraoperative Specimen Radiography In Partial Mastectomy
   Ray Li, Waitemata DHB

10. The Use Of Pre-Hospital Packed Red Blood Cell Transfusion In Traumatic Haemorrhagic Shock – A Systematic Review
    James McKay, Christchurch Hospital
11. Outcome Of Punch Biopsies In Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinomas In Northland  
   Brodie Elliot, Whangarei Hospital

12. Should CEA Be Measured Pre-Operatively In Patients Undergoing Surgery With Curative Intent For Colorectal Adenocarcinoma?  
   Ashok Gunawardene, University of Otago

13. Risk Factors For Post-Operative Haematoma Following Thyroidectomy  
   Claire McElhatton, Queensland Health

14. Preoperative Serum Calcitonin As A Predictor Of Tumour Burden And Guide To Extent Of Surgery  
   Joey Siu, Auckland DHB

15. Index Cholecystectomy In A Rural Hospital: It Can Be Done  
   Jay Maloney, Hawke’s Bay DHB

16. Changes In The Assessment Of Acute Abdominal Pain Over The Last Decade  
   Kirsten de Burlet, Capital & Coast DHB

17. Demographics, Outcomes And Ethnic Variations Of Major Trauma In Northland  
   Helena Lee, Whangarei Hospital

18. Demographics And Outcomes In Patients With Primary Excision Of Cutaneous Basal Cell Carcinoma Treated In Northland.  
   Vivek Meiyappan, Whangarei Hospital

19. Acute Pseudo Obstruction After Caesarean Section: Seven-Year Retrospective Study  
   Jerry Lee, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital

20. Continuous Local Anaesthetic Wound Infusion For Postoperative Pain After Midline Laparotomy: A Systematic Review And Meta-Analysis  
   Benedict Kakala, Westmead Hospital
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