



Surgery 2025

Enhancing quality and compassion in surgery

4-5 September
Parliament, Wellington
Aotearoa New Zealand

Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons
Te Whare Piki Ora o Māhūtonga

Provisional Programme

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Thursday 4 September

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Mihi whakatau
9:45 – 10:45	Session One: Key Health Leaders Helen Stokes-Lampard (Chief Medical Officer) <i>Her role and her interaction with the College</i> Andrew Connolly (Deputy Chair – TWO Board) <i>TBC</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Morning Tea
11:15 – 12:45	Session Two: Workforce Planning Tom de Koning (Future of Health Workforce, TWO) <i>Workforce data and where people are going</i> Helen Stokes-Lampard (Chief Medical Officer) <i>What's being done and could be done</i> Kesara Wickremesekera (President, VSAoNZ) <i>Vascular surgery workforce</i> Michelle Locke (President, NZAPS) <i>Plastic surgery workforce</i> Mark Fraundorfer (Chair, AoNZ Section – USANZ) <i>Urology workforce</i> <i>Panel discussion</i>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	Session Three: Registries Eva Fong (Urology) <i>PROMs</i> Stephen Mark (Urology) <i>Prostate cancer registry</i> Michelle Locke (President, NZAPS) <i>Breast implant registry</i> Speaker TBC <i>Joint implants registry</i> <i>Panel discussion</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon Tea
15:45 – 17:15	Session Four: Tips for a Savvy Surgeon Lynley Anderson (Professor, Otago) <i>Consent for medical student teaching</i> Michael Webster (Privacy Commissioner) <i>Doing privacy well</i> Morag McDowell (Health & Disability Commissioner) <i>TBC</i>
17:15 – 17:30	Award Presentations
17:30 – 18:30	Welcome Function
19:00 for 19:30	Dinner – Legislative Council Chamber

Friday 5 September

8:30 – 10:00	Session Five: Hamish Gray (Chief Clinical Advisor, MOH) <i>Taking consent on the day</i> Carlton Irving (Director of Māori Health and Consumer, HQSC) <i>Inequities in the surgical system</i> Souella Cumming (FCA, ONZM) <i>Leadership at an organisational level and how we look after workforce</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Tea
10:30 – 12:15	Session Six: Compassionate Leadership Robin Youngson (Practitioner, Neuroscience of Healing) <i>How compassionate care improves patient outcomes and protects against physician burnout</i> Sarah Rennie (General Surgery) <i>Creating psychological safety for trainees</i> Sarah Jackson (National Chief, Quality & Patient Safety, TWO) <i>Compassionate leadership</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:30	Session Seven: Audrey Sonerson (Director-General of Health, MOH) <i>Effective advocacy and managing demands in a resource-constrained environment</i> Jo Prendergast (Psychiatrist/Author/Comedian) <i>A psychiatrist, cancer patient's reflections on quality and compassion in surgery</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea
15:00 – 17:00	Session Eight: Dealing with Mistakes Peter Davidson (Urology) <i>My experience at coroner's court</i> Heather McKenzie (Coroner) <i>The coronial process</i> Adam Holloway (Partner, Wotton + Kearney/MPS Lawyer) <i>How to prepare for coroner's court</i> Elizabeth Masters (MCNZ Deputy Registrar) <i>The Council's professional standards process</i> Theo Baker (Chairperson, HPDT) <i>The Health Practitioner's Disciplinary Tribunal Process</i> <i>Panel Discussion</i>