

# Surgery 2023:

Surgical care in health  
system change

31 August - 1 September  
Te Papa, Wellington



## Provisional Programme *(May be subject to change)*

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### Thursday 31 August 2023

9 – 9:30am  
9:30-9:45am  
9:45-10:15am

**Registration**  
**Mihi whakatau**  
**Morning tea, trade expo**

10:15am – 12:15pm **SESSION ONE: National health service: The new paradigm**

**Chair: Chris Adams**

Diana Sarfati	The Ministry of Health: Its role as health system steward
Margie Apa	Te Whatu Ora: Progress after a year
Riana Manuel	Te Aka Whai Ora: Progress after a year
Duncan Bliss	Planned Care, Hospital and Specialist Services: National systems
Panel discussion	

12:15 – 1:15pm

**Lunch**

1:15am – 3:15pm

**SESSION TWO: System change: Experience and lessons**

**Chair: Nigel Willis**

Lester Levy	Major system change: How to achieve desired outcomes
Victoria Atkinson	I pivot, therefore I am
Sir Malcolm Grant	Major health system change: The NHS experience
Elizabeth Eppel	Factoring in the social complexity of achieving a desired change
Panel discussion	

3:15 – 3:45pm

**Afternoon tea**

3:45 – 5:30pm

**SESSION THREE: Enablers of contemporary surgical care**

**Chair: Ros Pochin**

Lloyd McCann	It's got to be bionic: Blending the best of human and digital to enable surgical care
Jim Duthie	Robotic-assisted surgery: Resistance is futile
Derek Sherwood	Funding equitable access to surgical care

5:30 – 6:30pm

**Welcome function**

7 for 7:30pm

**Dinner, Wharewaka Function Centre**

### Friday 1 September 2023

8:30 – 10:15am

**SESSION FOUR: Improving access to surgical services**

**Chair: Sean Galvin**

Curtis Walker	The Surgical Workforce: Challenges and opportunities
Samantha Murton	Improving equitable access to surgery: A primary care perspective
Vanessa Blair	Will the Rural Health Strategy lead to fairer access to surgery in rural Aotearoa New Zealand?
Maxine Ronald	What Māori in Te Tai Tokerau want from their bowel screening programmes: Lessons in equitable screening and surgical care
Panel discussion	

10:15 – 10:45am

**Morning tea**

10:45am – 12:15pm

**SESSION FIVE: Louis Barnett Prize papers**

**Chairs: Spencer Beasley/Sarah Rennie**

12:15 – 1:15pm

**Lunch**

1:15 – 2:45pm

**SESSION SIX: Surgical Leaders Forum: Surgeons as leaders in the wider health sector**

**Chair: Sanjeev Naidu**

Victoria Atkinson	Leading outside the theatres: When worlds collide
Andrew Connolly	Challenges and rewards of health leadership as a surgeon
Elizabeth Dennett	The surgeon as public policy leader
Frank Frizelle	The surgeon as medical educator and health system advocate
Panel discussion	

2:45 – 3:15pm

**Afternoon tea**

3:15 – 4:30pm

**SESSION SEVEN: Looking ahead**

**Chair: Nigel Willis/Sean Galvin**

Kerin Fielding	RACS update: Role in surgical service leadership
Victoria Atkinson	The red thread of healthcare
Sir Malcolm Grant	The inevitability of change in health systems around the world, and how to anticipate, lead and make the most of it