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**RANZCOG**

Campaigning for Equity in Women's Health  
He Kakari Taurite mo te Oranga Wāhine

21 – 22 June 2021 Virtual Meeting

## Scientific programme day 1 21 June 2021

### Session 1 Equity

#### **Muurrbay Bundani (white fig tree of life)**

**Dr Marilyn Clarke (FRANZCOG, Chair of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health, RANZCOG)**

The disparity we see in health outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women is often a consequence of systemic inequities. Dr Clarke will highlight some of these issues through 2 women's stories, and how improving and addressing some of these issues can lead to better outcomes.

#### **A conversation with inequities in obstetrics and gynaecology**

**Dr Phil Suisted (FRANZCOG, BPRM PGDipOMG MBChB)**

A conversation about why, even though we can describe the problem, even though the evidence is clear, we don't seem to be making a difference.

#### **Reckoning with racism in obstetrics and gynaecology – considerations for Māori health and health inequities**

**Associate Professor Donna Cormack (University of Auckland)**

Although deeply understood by Indigenous peoples, there is increasing acknowledgement of racism and colonialism as fundamental determinants of Māori health, that manifest in present day health outcomes and health inequities. This presentation will consider the history of disciplines such as obstetrics and gynaecology for Indigenous peoples, and propose that a reckoning with racism is necessary to both address the current inequities and provide for a future health system where Māori are able to be well as Māori.

#### **Addressing inequity. Mahia te mahi!**

**Dr Kasey Tawhara (FRANZCOG)**

Inequities are well-known and researched. What is less known, and frequently asked from clinicians is how we can address them. We outline the journey RANZCOG has taken in partnership with the MIHI team to provide cultural competency and safety training to RANZCOG members.

### Session 2 Initiatives to improve inequity and access

#### **Self testing HPV in Northland**

**Dr Jane MacDonald and Dr Kendall Stevenson (Centre For Women's Health Research, Victoria University Of Wellington, Dr Jane MacDonald - Senior Research Fellow - Victoria University)**

#### **Equity and access, journey of Waiora project**

**Professor Bev Lawton (Victoria University of Wellington)**

At the invitation of Ngāti Pāhauwera, He Korowai Manaaki (a protective cloak) was designed to support wraparound approach to maternity care in Te Wairoa. The aim of this iwi-research partnership was the provision of a culturally enhanced maternal and infant care pathway with improved access to both clinical and social support, designed to improve health and well-being through pregnancy and baby's first 2 years of life and beyond. This 'connecting the dots' intervention addresses both clinical care (pregnancy, postpartum, neonatal, and reproductive health) and the structural determinants of health (eg, housing, transport) with a best-practice pathway. This Kaupapa Māori intervention has been implemented and the impacts to date will be presented by the research/ iwi partnership.

#### **Marae based care in the Hutt, grass root intervention**

**Dr Merrin Rutherford PRERECORDED (FRANZCOG trainee, CCDHB).**

Maori wahine have poorer health outcomes compared to Pakeha. Lack of access to culturally safe health care may play a role. To address this for women's health services the Wahine Oranga clinic Kokiri, a marae-based clinic, was developed.

#### **No Romance Without Finance - the high cost of contraception in NZ**

**Dr Orna McGinn (FRNZCGP)**

The year 2020 saw the publication of New Zealand's first National Contraception Guidelines - but with cost a major barrier, how difficult is it for women to access contraception in Aotearoa? More than half of all pregnancies in New Zealand are unplanned, and the recent Atlas of Variation of Contraception Use (published by the Health Quality Safety Commission, 2020), showed that rates of contraception use varied significantly between regions, and between women of different ethnicities, suggesting a significant equity gap in provision. This talk will explore the recent Ministry of Health funding initiative to increase access to long acting reversible contraception (LARC). Has it made an impact?

## Research session (1)

### A postnatal observational study of 'contraceptive planning' for women birthing at Counties Manukau DHB

**Dr Jordon Wimsett, FRANZCOG trainee**

Contraception is a reproductive right and should be freely available. Unplanned pregnancies are reported disproportionately more often amongst Māori and Pasifika women. This work describes unplanned pregnancy rates and identify barriers and enablers to contraception in a multi-ethnic population.

### Is routine antenatal anti-D immunoglobulin prophylaxis available for rural women in New Zealand?

**Dr Jessica Crampton, FRANZCOG trainee**

The NZ Blood Service (NZBS) recommends that routine antenatal anti-D prophylaxis (RAADP) be offered to all unsensitised Rhesus D (RhD) negative women in pregnancy. This study investigates the current provision of RAADP in the Southland region of New Zealand, and seeks to identify barriers to the implementation of the NZBS guideline, via a health provider questionnaire.

### Narrowing the window: live birth rate after frozen-thawed blastocyst transfer after 5 versus 6 days of progesterone in hormonal replacement treatment cycles

**Dr Guy Fisher, RANZCOG trainee**

## Session 3: Updates in Gynaecological oncology

### A postnatal observational study of 'contraceptive planning' for women birthing at Counties Manukau DHB

**Dr Dr Patrick Keating, SMO Gynaecology Oncology, CCDHB**

We will explore the management of benign looking cysts that end up coming through the Gynaecology Oncology MDM and discussing ways to improve the patient journey.

### Vulval cancer – making a difference in secondary care

**Dr Amanda Tristram, FRANZCOG, Gynaecological Oncology, CCDHB**

Vulval cancer is a rare cancer that is usually treated in tertiary care. There is much that can be done in the initial diagnosis and management that can make an enormous difference to women. Identifying women who are suitable for morbidity-sparing sentinel node procedures early can help ensure this remains an option.

## Session 4: Guideline development

### Evidence and policy at RANZCOG

**Professor Cynthia Farquhar (FRANZCOG, Dean Of Research And Policy, RANZCOG)**

RANZCOG is the leading organization for women's health in New Zealand and Australia. Our strapline is "excellence in women's health". Yet we lag behind in the research and policy area as we have few high quality evidence based documents to guide clinical decisions. In 2020, the board made the decision that they wished to improve the guidance for fellows and trainees by appointing a Dean of Research and Policy to lead this work. We are seeking to improve women's health in Australia and New Zealand and we hope to improve the clinical decision making within the Fellowship of RANZCOG .

### Quality improvement initiatives to increase guideline-based indications for induction of labour

**Dr Hannah Clare (University of Auckland School of Medicine)**

Three quality improvement initiatives were implemented to increase the proportion of elective inductions of labour (IOLs) performed for a guideline-based indication at an Auckland hospital. The interventions were: 1) introduction of evidence-based guidelines, 2) a new IOL booking form, and 3) a peer review process for all IOL requests. Audits were completed over eight years to assess their effectiveness. The proportion of IOLs performed for a guideline-based indication increased from 73% at baseline to 86% in 2014, after introduction of the updated guideline, and was stable at 84% in 2015 with introduction of the IOL request form and pathway. The proportion decreased in subsequent years. In 2019–20, after introduction of peer review, the proportion increased to 83%. Publishing the new guideline initially improved the proportion of IOLs that were aligned with recommendations, and this was sustained with development of the request form, but these were insufficient to change practice long-term. The peer review process improved the proportion of IOLs aligned with guidelines.

### Challenges of implementing a guideline for Endometriosis

**Deborah Bush (NZENDO)**

## Research session (2)

### The role and efficacy of negative pressure wound therapy for reduction of surgical site infection in high-risk women undergoing open abdominal surgery: A quality improvement project

**Dr Sam Holford (FRANZCOG trainee)**

Objective: To evaluate if presentations to hospital with surgical site infection (SSI), and wound problems, were reduced following introduction of a local prophylactic incisional negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) guideline.

### Mobile app with biofeedback device or just app? User experiences during a 12-week pelvic floor muscle training programme. Preliminary Results.

**Dr Laura Pedofsky (Researcher, Univ of Auckland)**

A prospective interventional randomised pilot study of women with predominately stress urinary incontinence, to better understand the role of biofeedback and app, or app alone during a home 12-week pelvic floor muscle training (PFMT) programme, from a user perspective.

## Session 5: Controversies in Urogynaecology

### Alternatives to the mesh midurethral sling for stress urinary incontinence

**Dr Niki Dykes (FRANZCOG, CUG)**

An update on the treatment options for stress urinary incontinence. What should we be offering and how should we be counselling our patients?

### Credentiailling

**Dr John Short (FRANZCOG)**

### Report from the Perineal trauma working group with ACC

**Dr Emma Jackson (FRANZCOG) and Dr Janine Ryland (MBChB, DCH, MPH, FNZCPHM, ACC)**

This is a discussion about the new guide to ACC cover for Perineal injuries during childbirth, the background and process that gave rise to the formation of this document and the literature review surrounding this. We will then discuss the implications for Wahine themselves and for those involved in their care both in the labour setting and postnatally. Hopefully this session will be Co - hosted by myself and an ACC representative with an opportunity for questions from the audience.

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## Session 6 Woman leaders in women's health

### Leaky pipeline and glass ceiling

**Dr Gillian Gibson - FRANZCOG, RANZCOG Board member, Senior Medical Officer O & G**

RANZCOG has the highest number of female trainees compared to other medical colleges, but has the lowest number of women in senior leadership roles. A look at the barriers preventing women from fully participating in leadership positions with a discussion of potential solutions to achieving gender equity in leadership roles.

### Never Let a Good Crisis go to Waste

**Deborah Bush - CEO**

### Women in clinical academia, making it work for you

**Associate Professor Katie Groom**

Clinical academia is an essential part of a healthy workforce. Historically it has not had a high profile in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Aotearoa New Zealand and with more and more of our specialist workforce being women there is a danger this continues. There are challenges in combining a successful clinical and academic career (as well as the rest of life) but there are also huge rewards and advantages.

### Leadership in the hospital settings

**Dr Narena Dudley – FRANZCOG**

## Session 7 Updates on Maternal Fetal Medicine

### Intrahepatic Cholestasis

**Dr Michael Elkin (BSc, MBBS, DTM&H, CCDHB)**

ICP update: background, pathogenesis, significant Bile Acid levels, treatment options and timing delivery.

### Perivable Birth

**Dr Clare O'Loughlin (MFM Fellow, CCDHB)**

Update on the latest research encompassing perinatal management, outcomes and the clinical and ethical considerations in counselling.

### Update on antenatal steroids

**Dr Jade Lodge (FRANZCOG, BSc, MBChB, DipOG, DDU, CMFM)**

Occasionally on delivery suite or oncall you get a phone call from a sonographer that a fetus has hydrops.... Alarm bells ring... what shall I do? What does it mean? This talk should outline an approach to hydrops for the generalist.

### NIPT: the trouble with NIPT

**Dr Jaynaya Marlow (FRANZCOG, Clinical Leader of MFM and Women's Ultrasound)**

This talk will have a brief introduction to NIPT and also discuss what you can do and how to interpret unusual results.

## Research session 3 (Free communications)

### The Application of the Ten-Group Classification System to Improve Birth Outcomes: a Five-Year Update

**Dr Caitlin O'Rourke (RANZCOG trainee)**

Objective of this research is to show how use of Robson's Ten-Group Classification System (TGCS), a WHO-endorsed method of categorising caesarean birth, and continuous audit, have enhanced reflective practise and guided focussed initiatives in a New Zealand context, over a five-year period.

## **Willing but not able: a survey of New Zealand health practitioners' interest in providing second trimester abortion care and the obstacles they face**

**Dr Rosie Whiting (RANZOG trainee)**

The New Zealand Abortion Legislation Act 2020 removed abortion from the Crimes Act. Abortions under 20 weeks no longer required an indication and criteria for abortion above 20 weeks broadened. Any health practitioner with abortion in their scope of practice can now legally provide abortion care. With these recent changes, we performed a survey of New Zealand health professionals with the aim to describe the population of health practitioners who are interested in providing second trimester abortion care and to describe the barriers to an optimal second trimester abortion service in New Zealand. This is a presentation of our findings in the form of descriptive statistics and thematic analysis. We conclude that we need to actively recruit, train and provide professional supervision to those who are interested in the provision of second trimester abortion care so as we can provide an equitable service for our women in need.

## **Assessing the effect of obesity on induction of labour with Misoprostol**

**Dr Stephanie Louni**

Aim of this is to assess the effect of BMI on induction of labour with oral low-dose misoprostol. The primary outcomes were time from commencement of induction of labour to delivery and the number of doses required to establish labour.

## **Session 8 Delivery dilemmas: Assisted vaginal delivery vs c-section at full dilatation**

### **Are complications so unpredictable? An HDC perspective**

**Rose Wall (Deputy Commissioner Disability, HDC)**

Rose and Natasha will discuss common themes in complaints to HDC about maternity services, with a particular focus on recent cases which raised issues around discussions with women about their options during labour.

### **Between a rock and a hard place. What does current data suggest?**

**Dr Celia Devenish (FRANZCOG) and Dr Morgan Short (University of Otago)**

This talk outlines the current challenges of decision making in high acuity obstetrics. It considers our recent prospective audit of maternal and neonatal outcomes following Assisted Midcavity Delivery in a Tertiary hospital, and how these may differ from other retrospective studies. It also considers the impact local resources and patient antenatal education on decision-making and patient experiences.

## **Session 9 Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua**

### **I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past**

#### **Telehealth - next steps**

**Dr Ruth Large (Chair of the NZ Telehealth Forum / Clinical Director)**

#### **Telehealth in O&G**

**Dr Sue Fleming (FRANZCOG)**

Technology has slowly changed the way we all communicate and exchange information. Healthcare has been an industry lagger. The Covid 19 pandemic forced rapid change, and remote communication approaches suddenly become an essential tool to enabling non-urgent care to be delivered without an in-person visit. Consumer experience appears to have been positive. Clinician enthusiasm has been more muted. We now have a unique opportunity to leverage off our experience and redesign healthcare communication for the future. Successful lasting change will be dependent on strong clinician engagement; access to appropriate technology, and training; a supportive legislative and legal framework; and hospital system changes to enable telemedicine to be incorporated into everyday practice.

#### **Abortion Law change in NZ/ Aotearoa**

**Dr Jaynaya Marlow (FRANZCOG, Clinical Leader of MFM and Women's Ultrasound)**

**Dr Jane MacDonald (Senior Research Fellow - Victoria University)**

#### **Meeting the Crown's te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments and obligations to Māori through the Health and Disability Review and subsequent reforms**

**Gabrielle Baker (Baker Consulting)**

**Dr Paula King (Public Health Medicine Specialist, Senior Research Fellow - Te Whare Wānanga o Otago, Te Whanganui a Tara)**

Meeting the Crown's te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments and obligations to Māori through the Health and Disability Review and subsequent reforms

#### **Opportunities and challenges of the HD reform changes for O&G**

**Dr Emma Jackson (FRANZCOG, Clinical Director Obstetrics and Gynaecology)**

#### **Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee (PMMRC) and other ramblings**

**Dr John Tait (RANZCOG Vice President, FRANZCOG)**

## Speaker bio in alphabetical order:

### **Gabrielle Baker**

Gabrielle Baker (Ngāti Kuri, Ngāpuhi) is a hauora Māori policy specialist with particular interest in applying te Tiriti o Waitangi and creation of a pro-equity, anti-racist health and disability system.

### **Deborah Bush**

Deborah has had a global influence on the health promotion and prevention of endometriosis. She developed the world's first Menstrual Health and Endometriosis programme for schools now endorsed by the World Endometriosis Society (WES). Deborah presents frequently as a key-note speaker at international academic conferences and as MC at functions. Her many accolades and awards reflect her achievements and contribution to the literature in this area.

### **Dr Hannah Clare**

Hannah Clare is currently a PGY1 house officer at Middlemore Hospital. She is looking forward to an O&G run next quarter and is interested in pursuing the speciality in the future.

### **Dr Marilyn Clarke**

Dr Marilyn Clarke is a Worimi woman from Port Stephens in NSW. She is Australia's first Aboriginal O&G specialist, gaining her Fellowship in 2007. There are now another 2 Aboriginal Fellows, and another 6 trainees. She is a fulltime clinician on the midnorth coast of NSW (Gumbaynggirr country) and chairs the RANZCOG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's health committee.

### **Associate Professor Donna Cormack**

Donna (Kāti Māmoe, Kāi Tahu) is an Associate Professor at Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland. She has a joint position at Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pōmare, University of Otago (Wellington). She is a teacher and researcher, with a focus on the health impacts of racism and other systems of oppression, Māori data sovereignty, and Kaupapa Māori, critical and anti-colonial approaches to health and health research. She lives in Te Whanganui a Tara with her husband and child.

### **Dr Jessica Crampton**

Dr Jessica Crampton is a 4th year FRANZCOG training registrar. Whilst usually based in Christchurch for training, Jessica undertook her rural training placement at Southland Hospital in Invercargill in 2020.

### **Natasha Davidson**

Natasha is responsible for monitoring trends across complaints to HDC to identify and respond to areas of systemic concern. Prior to working at HDC, Natasha worked in academia where she ran research projects on consumers' experiences of mental health care services in New Zealand. Natasha has a BA(Hons) and a Master of Science, majoring in Psychology, from the University of Otago.

### **Dr Celia Devenish**

O&G Specialist with interest in high risk Obstetrics and emergency care. Current Chair RANZCOG NZ Previous Chair NZ Training and Assessment. Special Interest in Women's Health Education and Specialist training. Senior Lecturer University of Otago teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students and a RANZCOG Training Supervisor.

### **Dr Narena Dudley**

Dr Narena Dudley (FRANZCOG) is a generalist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Waikato Hospital and the current Clinical Unit Leader. Being part of a team that led the department to regain RANZCOG Accreditation in 2017, she is able to effectively lead in a hospital setting with limited resources and is well aware of the importance of nurturing and developing the strengths of those around you to work together to achieve a common goal.

### **Dr Niki Dykes**

Niki Dykes is a Urogynaecologist at Waitemata DHB. Niki obtained CU training at Middlemore and Auckland hospitals before completing her training at the Mercy Hospital for Women in Melbourne and returning to NZ in 2019. Niki is involved in the IUGA Fellows, Trainees and Early Career Professionals Committee, and is part of the International Urogynecological Consultation group working on the clinical definition of pelvic organ prolapse. She is an active member of the Surgical Mesh Education and Harm Prevention Programme steering group as part of the Ministry of Health surgical mesh work programme.

### **Dr Michael Elkin**

Maternal and Fetal Medicine Fellow at Wellington Hospital. Trained mostly in the UK. Interested in global maternal health, innovation and high risk obstetrics.

### **Professor Cindy Farquhar**

Cindy is the Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She is Clinical Director of Fertility Plus and Gynaecology at National Women's, Auckland. Cindy has over 300 peer reviewed publications. She is the coordinating editor of the Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility Group. In 2014 she was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. In 2019 Cindy was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. In 2020 Cindy was appointed the Dean of Research and Policy at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

### **Dr Guy Fisher**

Guy is a Year 3 RANZCOG trainee, based in Auckland. He returned to New Zealand with his young family this year after 3 years in training with RCOG and completion of a Clinical Fellowship in ultrasound in gynaecology & early pregnancy at University College Hospital, London. Guy has interests in reproductive medicine and endometriosis and looks forward to a career with these areas as his focus.

### **Dr Sue Fleming**

Dr Susan Fleming is a New Zealand Obstetrician and Gynaecologist now retired from clinical practice. She has lived and worked internationally and has a broad perspective of healthcare delivery systems. Her latter professional life has been focused on leadership within O&G. From 2013 to 2017 she was Director of Women's Health at Auckland DHB. One of her many interests has been the use of information technology to support service delivery. Although no longer clinically active she remains professionally engaged and is a New Zealand councillor to RANZCOG and AFOG.

### **Dr Gillian Gibson**

Dr Gillian Gibson is a Generalist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) with a special interest in outpatient gynaecology. She is Clinical Director for the Auckland regional abortion service. She has a private gynaecology practice and was a private maternity care provider for close to 20 years. Dr Gibson has been actively involved with RANZCOG for many years, Chairing the local New Zealand Committee 2008-2010. She has been on RANZCOG Council for the last 6 years. She is the only woman O & G specialist on the current RANZCOG Board. Dr Gibson has enjoyed the challenge as chair of a working group tackling gender equity and diversity issues within the College and is encouraged to see policy development, particularly those aiming for more women in senior leadership roles.

### **A/Prof Katie Groom**

Associate Professor of Maternal and Perinatal Health and Hugo Charitable Trust Fellow at the Liggins Institute, University of Auckland and a MFM Subspecialist at National Women's Health, Auckland City Hospital, as well as being a wife, mother and daughter. In her clinical role, Katie works in MFM and is the clinical lead for preterm birth at ADHB. In her research she focuses on clinical trials and has a number of roles aiming to enable a collaborative national approach to clinical trials research including as Chairperson for the National Executive Committee of the ON TRACK Network, the Carosika Project, Taonga Tuku Iho Steering Group and the HRC/MoH Enhancing New Zealand's Clinical Trials Steering Committee.

### **Dr Sam Holford**

Dr Sam Holford is a fourth year RANZCOG trainee, currently working in Gynaecologic Oncology at Auckland Hospital. He co-hosts a podcast (Obs and Guidelines, with Dr Caitlin Prendergast) aiming to keep O&G doctors up-to-date with the latest guidelines and practice-changing evidence. Outside of work, he is a self-proclaimed amateur tattoo model on Instagram.

### **Dr Emma Jackson**

Currently the Clinical Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Christchurch Women's hospital where I have been working as a generalist SMO since 2011. Prior to this, Emma trained in the South Island NZ, the UK and in a fellow post at Middlemore. She enjoys a broad range of interests across the speciality including laparoscopic surgery and Obstetrics. She is also widely involved with all sorts of projects in her CD capacity as well as being a current Te Kahui Oranga o Nuku committee member and the chair of the practice review subcommittee. Emma is passionate about trying to achieve better national consistency and equity in women's health care both in terms of access, treatment and outcomes.

### **Dr Patrick Keating**

Patrick trained in London, the North East of England, Manchester & Cape Town S.A., before working as a Gynaecology Oncology consultant in the NW of England for 20 years. He moved to New Zealand 2½ years ago. As well as Gynaecology Oncology, Patrick is interested in Genetic Cancer risk reduction.

### **Dr Paula King**

Paula Toko King (Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Waikato Tainui, Ngāti Maniapoto) is a Public Health Physician (FNZCPHM) and Senior Research Fellow at Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pōmare, University of Otago (Wellington). Research areas include tāngata whenua/sovereignty rights to health and wellbeing for mokopuna Māori, disability, anti-racism, and the elimination of health inequities in Aotearoa me Te Waipounamu New Zealand.

### **Dr Ruth Large**

Chair of the NZ Telehealth Forum / Clinical Director, Information Services & Virtual Healthcare, Waikato DHB

### **Professor Bev Lawton**

Professor Bev Lawton (ONZM), nō Ngāti Porou, is the founder/director of Te Tātai Hauora o Hine (the Centre for Women's Health Research) at Victoria University of Wellington. She was appointed an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit by the Queen for services to women's health in 2005, made a Distinguished Fellow of the Royal College of General Practice in 2017 and awarded Australasian Menopause Society Award \$20K for contribution to women's health. Bev previously worked as a general practitioner in Wellington for 17 years and co-founded the Wellington Menopause Clinic. These experiences led to an interest in research to answer the many questions relevant to women's health and inequalities.

### **Dr Jade Lodge**

Obstetrician, Gynaecologist. Specialist at Maternal Fetal Medicine and Women's Ultrasound, Wellington Hospital, Capital and Coast DHB. Private Obstetrician at Wellington Obstetrics.

### **Dr Stephanie Luoni**

Dr Stephanie Luoni is a Year 3 RANZCOG trainee based in Wellington Hospital

### **Dr Jane MacDonald**

Dr Jane MacDonald is a sexual health physician, senior research fellow at Te Tātai Hauora O Hine /Centre for Women's Health Research, Victoria University of Wellington and an abortion provider at CCDHB. The work of the centre has included studies on severe maternal morbidity and more recently on HPV self-testing as a screening test to prevent cervical cancer looking at acceptability and screening rates in under and never screened Māori women. She is currently the secretary of APGANZ (The Abortion Providers Group of Aotearoa/New Zealand,) a multidisciplinary organisation involved in working with the MOH on national abortion clinical guidelines. She still supports AFC (Aberdeen Football Club).

### **Dr Jaynaya Marlow**

Jay is the Clinical Leader of MFM and Women's Ultrasound at Wellington Hospital. She is passionate about excellent clinical carer and imaging, as well as service sustainability.

### **Dr Orna McGinn**

Orna is a GP with a special interest in women's health based in Auckland . She is passionate about improving both access to contraception for women, and opportunities for education and training in this area for primary care providers.

Orna is currently the Clinical Director of Primary Care Women's Health at Auckland District Health Board, a role focused on better integration of primary and secondary care women's health services. She is also an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland and a founding board member of the New Zealand College of Sexual and Reproductive Health.

### **Dr Clare O'Loughlin**

Chare graduated from Trinity College Dublin and completed her specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Ireland, working in some of the largest and longest established maternity units in Europe. Clare came to Wellington in 2016 to pursue a fellowship in Maternal and Fetal Medicine and fell in love with New Zealand! Her areas of special interest include ultrasound, high risk obstetrics, pregnancy loss, and sexual and reproductive health.

### **Dr Caitlin O'Rourke**

Registrar - Wellington Regional Hospital

### **Ms Laura Pedofsky**

With a background in mechanical engineering, Laura is now in her final year as a PhD candidate, researching medical device design for women's pelvic floor muscle health at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

### **Dr Merrin Rutherford**

Dr Merrin Rutherford is a junior registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology working at CCDHB. Prior to medicine Merrin completed a Masters in Public Health investigating the impact of access to healthcare on under five mortality in Rural Gambia. She furthered her interest in barriers to healthcare access through research in Bandung, Indonesia investigating barriers and gaps in the prevention of childhood tuberculosis. She achieved a PhD in Public Health from Radboud University in The Netherlands for this work.

### **Dr Janine Ryland**

Janine Ryland is a public health physician and has been a Clinical Partner at ACC since 2019. Her role focuses on health sector engagement and ensuring that ACC have the appropriate governance and clinical quality in service delivery to achieve quality health outcomes for ACC clients.

### **Dr John Short**

John's expertise covers the spectrum of women's health conditions including fertility investigation, menstrual disorders, pelvic pain and colposcopy. John particularly specialises in the management of urinary incontinence, vaginal prolapse (including complex and recurrent conditions) and endometriosis.

### **Dr Morgan Short**

Morgan is a PGY4 RMO currently working as an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Registrar for Southern District Health Board in Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand. He graduated from Deakin University with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) degree in 2017.

### **Dr Jackie Smalldridge**

Dr Jackie Smalldridge MBBS, FRCOG, FRANZCOG is a Gynaecologist with an interest in Urogynaecology. She has a particular interest in prevention of pelvic floor dysfunction and has been involved with OASIS workshops for many years both in NZ and the Pacific. She is part of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute Pelvic Floor Research group developing the FEMFIT device for women with pelvic floor disorders. She has been working in the Pacific " capacity building " vaginal surgery skills . Jackie has been part of a team led by Prof Judith Goh working in Uganda with fistula patients since 2015. She is a member of Pacific Society of Reproductive Health (PSRH), Urogynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA), and a committee member of Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AFOG).

### **Dr Kendall Stevenson**

Research Fellow - Centre For Women's Health Research, Victoria University Of Wellington

### **Dr Phil Suisted**

Phil is an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Palmerston North Hospital. Graduating from Otago University in 2003, Philip completed his post-graduate specialist training in the lower North Island. Returning to Palmerston North in 2015, he practices general obstetrics and gynaecology, with particular focus on minimally invasive gynaecology and an interest in fertility. Philip has a role as Clinical Senior Lecturer and Intern Supervisor. His interest and background in research has led to several publications and collaborations.

### **Dr John Tait**

A RANZCOG Fellow since 1985, John has worked in Wellington as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist since 1986 in both public and private practice. He started Fertility Associates Wellington with Professor John Hutton. John was Chair of the Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku for four years and is serving his second term on the RANZCOG Board as Vice-President. At present, he is a CMO at the Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB), Chair of the National Maternity Monitoring Group, Chair of the Maternal Morbidity Working Group, and Member of the N.E. Taskforce. His main interest outside of the specialty is golf.

### **Dr Kasey Tawhara**

Ngati Raukawa ki te tonga, Ngati Porou, Te Rarawa, me nga hononga ki Te Arawa, Ngati Ruanui. O&G Specialist at Lakes DHB. He Hono Wahine member. Te Roopu Whakakaupapa Uruta committee member. Wahine Maori. Tihei Mauriora.

### Dr Amanda Tristram

Amanda is a consultant in Gynaecological Oncology in the tertiary gynaecological oncology centre at Wellington Regional Hospital. She moved from Cardiff, UK, in May 2016 where she was a senior lecturer and honorary consultant in gynaecological oncology. Most days are spent either operating on women with gynaecological cancer or seeing and explaining disease processes and treatment options in clinic. Her research interests are in HPV related neoplasia and vulval disease. She is passionate about education and raising awareness, particularly in these areas.

### Rose Wall

Rose was appointed HDC's Deputy Commissioner, Disability in August 2013. A nurse by training, Rose has been involved in the public health system for most of her career. Over the past 30-odd years she has worked in a number of different areas. This has given her a broad insight into service quality, government strategy, the regulatory environment, and how the health and disability system works. Rose's role at HDC fulfils her natural desire to help people, particularly the more vulnerable who are less able to speak up for themselves.

### Dr Rosie Whiting

Rosie is a first year FRANZCOG trainee based at Wellington Hospital. She has a special interest in equity in abortion care and equal access to contraception, and is a member of a research group whose goal is to inform the development of an optimal second trimester abortion service in New Zealand.

### Dr Jordan Wimsett

Jordan Wimsett is a 3rd year RANZCOG trainee who is currently working at Auckland City Hospital and is an honorary lecturer at the University of Auckland. Jordan obtained her medical degree at the University of Otago, and has worked at Middlemore, Hawke's Bay and Auckland hospitals during her training. Her clinical interests include high-risk pregnancy, pelvic pain and reducing inequalities in care. In her spare time, Jordan is a qualified ski instructor and is learning to speak Spanish.

### Dr Michelle Wise

Michelle is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Auckland, and a Consultant O&G at Auckland DHB. Michelle is Principal Investigator for the OBLIGE multi-centre trial on induction of labour and chaired the guideline development group for this clinical practice guideline on induction of labour.

## E-posters presented at the meeting

	First name	Surname	Location		Abstract title
Dr	Chillay	Aung	Dunedin Hospital	NZ	Clinical Outcomes of women who underwent Early Medical Abortion via Dunedin Hospital and Abortion Outreach Service subsequent to 2020 Law Changes
Dr	Penny	Beetham	Invercargill DHB	NZ	Spontaneous adrenal haemorrhage: a rare cause of presentation with acute abdominal pain in pregnancy
Dr	Marilyn	Boo	Hawke's Bay	NZ	The obese vs non obese mum: comparing maternal and perinatal outcomes in a provincial New Zealand hospital.
Dr	Marilyn	Boo	Christchurch Women's	NZ	Assessing the ovarian cancer diagnostic journey at Waitemata district health board – what can we do better?
Dr	Sweta	Canumalla	Sutherland Hospital	AU	A case of ruptured recurrent cornual ectopic pregnancy following failed trial of Methotrexate: Employing a multi-disciplinary team approach to a clinically challenging presentation.
Dr	Sweta	Canumalla	Sutherland Hospital	AU	Management of significant ovarian torsion due to a large corpus luteum cyst in the first trimester of pregnancy: Considering the emotional, social and clinical factors that affect patient care.
Dr	Su-Yin	Chua	Middlemore Hospital	NZ	Prevention and Management of Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries – Survey of RANZCOG New Zealand Fellows and Trainees.
Dr	George	Gabriel	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	AU	Case Study - Caesarean Scar Ectopic Pregnancy
Dr	Kathryn	Grant	Christchurch Women's	NZ	First presentation of patent urachus in pregnancy: a case report and review
Dr	Monique	Hamilton	Queensland	AU	Bleeding in early pregnancy – woman-centred care in the emergency department
Dr	Monique	Hamilton	Queensland	AU	Abdominal pain in early pregnancy - remember the ovaries
Dr	Caitlin	Hodgman	Logan Hospital	AU	Case Study - Post-partum Pubic Symphysis Diastasis
Dr	Caitlin	Hodgman	Logan Hospital	AU	Case Study - Acute Myeloid Leukemia as a Cause for Intrauterine Fetal Death

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Dr	Devanshi	Jani	Univ of Auckland	NZ	Progressive corneal ectasia in pregnancy: a scoping review.
Dr	Rebecca	Li	Hutt Hospital	NZ	The prevalence of sexually transmitted infections in pregnancy in a Secondary Unit
Dr	Stephanie	Luoni	MidCentral DHB	NZ	An audit of a regional hospital's outpatient treatment of high-grade cervical lesions.
Dr	Aryan	Maleki	Queen Mary University of London, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London	UK	The rising incidence of heterotopic pregnancy: current perspectives and associations with in-vitro fertilization
Dr	Sarah	McConnell	Waikato DHB	NZ	Predicting the risk of caesarean section in primigravid women at Middlemore Hospital, South Auckland, New Zealand
Dr	Nuoya	Fang	Univ of Auckland	NZ	Screening for diabetes in pregnancy: translation of national guideline into practice
Dr	Alyssa	Page	Waitemata DHB	NZ	A retrospective evaluation: The time from symptom onset to surgical diagnosis of endometriosis in Maori and Pacific Island women at North Shore Hospital
Dr	Maggie	Pan	Waitemata DHB	NZ	Will We Miss The Chance To Treat CIN3 In Women Aged 20-24?
Dr	Morgan	Short	Dunedin Hospital	NZ	Audit of Assisted Vaginal Deliveries (AVDs) with maternal and neonatal outcomes
Dr	Abigail	Sia	National Women's Hospital	NZ	Investigating non attendance at a one stop gynaecology clinic
Dr	Matthew	Stouton	Christchurch Women's	NZ	Is group-and-screen testing justified as a pre-operative investigation for hysterectomies in gynaecological malignancy?
Dr	James	Trotta	Monash Health	AU	Case Study - Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders: An Important Cause of Pelvic Organ Prolapse in Nulliparous Women.

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