



Medicines Information & Clinical Pharmacy
Special Interest Group Symposium



Gut Instincts & Joint Insights

Gastroenterology & Rheumatology
23-24 May 2026, Wellington Hospital

Draft Programme - SATURDAY 23rd May		
8.00 – 8.30 am	Registration	
8.30 – 9.00 am	Mihi whakatau, welcome and house-keeping	
9.00 – 10.00 am	TBC - A session to provide an overview of IBD	Presenter TBC
10.00 – 10.30 am Morning Tea Break		
10.30 – 11.15 am	Paediatric IBD Nurse – A session to provide insight into the role of a paediatric gastroenterology nurse specialist, paediatric considerations and practical aspects.	Kerry Dellabarca RN, MNS, Nurse Prescriber Children's Gastroenterology CNS Wellington Hospital
11.15 – 12.30 pm	Gastroenterology/Pharmacology research and new stuff! – A session on gastroenterology/pharmacology-specific topics	Professor Murray Barclay Gastroenterologist & Clinical Pharmacologist, Christchurch Hospital Clinical Professor, University of Otago, Christchurch
12.30 - 1 pm	AI made simple: responsible research	Donna Tietjens, Wellington Medical & Health Sciences Library University of Otago
1.00 - 1:50 pm Lunch Break		
1.50 – 2.50 pm	Liver Disease	Dr Amanda Chen Gastroenterologist Wellington Hospital
2.50- 3.30 pm	MI [DUO] Part 1 A session on gastroenterology/pharmacology-specific medicines information enquiries	MI Pharmacists Jacqui Reynolds, Middlemore Hospital, Counties Manukau & Kerry Oldfield, Dunedin Hospital, Southern
3.30 – 4.00 pm Afternoon Tea Break		
4.00 – 4.30 pm	MI [DUO] Part 2 A session addressing AI vs MI answers.	MI Pharmacists Jacqui Reynolds, Middlemore Hospital, Counties Manukau & Kerry Oldfield, Dunedin Hospital, Southern
4.30 – 5.30 pm	MICP SIG AGM	
6 pm	Pre-dinner evening function	





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9.00 – 10.15 am	Rheumatology	Professor Rebecca Grainger Rheumatologist, Hutt Valley DHB Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Otago, Wellington
10.15 – 10.30 am	MINZ Training Workbook update	Kelly Rodgers Medical Coordinator Pharmacist Wellington Hospital & Vidhya Sritharan Senior Medicines Information Pharmacist Wellington Hospital
10.30 - 11.00 am	Morning Tea Break	
11.00 – 12.00 pm	Joint Infections	Lucy Stewart (+/- ID doctor – TBC) Antimicrobial Pharmacist Wellington Hospital
12.00 - 12.15 pm	Wrap-up & Conference Close	

