

# CHILDHOOD DEMENTIA IN AOTEAROA

**Tuesday 17 February, 8am –9am**

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This session will deepen our collective understanding of childhood dementia (CD), a group of rare, progressive neurodegenerative conditions that profoundly affect tamariki and their whānau. We will explore key examples of conditions that cause CD, highlight the work of the Australian Childhood Dementia Initiative, and review emerging research shaping future care pathways. Participants will gain clearer knowledge to support early recognition, whānau-centred communication, and integrated palliative approaches.

Bec Nicol is a registered nurse with over 30 years' experience in paediatric neurosciences and metabolic care, supporting whānau to navigate complex lifelong conditions and contributing to the Childhood Dementia Initiative's work across Aotearoa and Australia.

Dr Isaac Bernhardt is a metabolic paediatrician with the National Metabolic Service in Auckland, providing care for children and adults with inherited metabolic disorders across Aotearoa.

Dr Emma Glamuzina is the clinical lead and metabolic consultant for the National Metabolic Service, specialising in rare and undiagnosed metabolic conditions and committed to equitable, whānau-centred care throughout Aotearoa.

## **REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED**

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