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CHILD & YOUTH HEALTH NATIONAL CLINICAL NETWORK

NEURODEVELOPMENT NETWORK NEWS



The Paediatric Society of New Zealand
Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa



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Kia ora

Welcome to this Neurodevelopment Clinical Network update.

The [Neurodevelopment Clinical Network](#) aims to enhance outcomes for children and youth with various physical, sensory, intellectual, and neurodevelopmental divergences. We are keen to connect with the paediatric neurodevelopment workforce across the country and invite anyone interested to join our extended clinical network - just email neurodevelopment@paediatrics.org.nz.

In this edition, we highlight upcoming Lunch and Learn sessions, share new and updated child health resources, and acknowledge the collaborative work of clinicians, whānau, lived experience representatives and partner organisations who continue to strengthen neurodevelopmental care for tamariki and rangatahi across Aotearoa.

Lunch & Learn

Our Lunch and Learn series continues to provide a practical forum for sharing knowledge, showcasing emerging work, and supporting cross-sector conversations about neurodevelopmental care. These sessions are designed to be accessible, clinically useful and relevant to a wide range of professionals working with tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.

You can watch past sessions on the [Lunch & Learn YouTube channel](#).

Upcoming Sessions:

We encourage network members to share these opportunities with colleagues who may be interested in attending or contributing to future sessions.

TOMORROW Tuesday 14 July: Storming the Bastille - Breaking down barriers to equity for tamariki with Down Syndrome



Presented by Dr Rosemary Marks, Developmental Paediatrician, this presentation explores the development of the Aotearoa New Zealand Down Syndrome Clinical Guidance, including the process we followed in working towards equitable outcomes for tamariki. [Click here for more info.](#)

Please note that the August and September sessions fall outside our usual pattern of being held on the second Tuesday of each month - more info to come, save the dates now:

Tuesday 4 August: “Mind The Gap” - Allied Health Provision of Therapy in the Neonatal Units in New Zealand, presented by Danielle Atkins

Tuesday 15 September: Knowledge translation session based on August presentation, presented by Danielle Atkins

Resources

A number of helpful resources have recently been updated or added, supporting clinicians, families and whānau with accessible information on neurodevelopmental conditions and related care needs. Please share these resources through your local teams and networks where relevant.

Updated KidsHealth Whānau Resources:

[Cerebral Palsy-Hōkai Nukurangi In Children](#)

A sincere thank you to the working group who contributed to the updated Cerebral Palsy-Hōkai Nukurangi information, including the valuable input from lived experience representatives. Their insights helped ensure the resource is clear, practical and responsive to the needs of tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.



KidsHealth
kidshealth.org.nz

Other updated KidsHealth resources:

- [ADHD Medicine In Children](#)
- [Communicating & Connecting In Babies, Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers](#)

Starship Clinical Resources:



New resources have been added to the Down Syndrome guidance documents on Starship. These add to the growing suite of practical information available to support consistent, evidence-informed care for children and young people with Down syndrome. The resources cover key areas of health surveillance and support, and may be useful for clinicians, service planners and whānau-facing teams.

- [Down Syndrome \(Trisomy 21\): Immune function and immunisations](#)
 - [Down Syndrome \(Trisomy 21\): ENT and hearing guidance](#)
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SIG Day at PSNZ Annual Conference - 9 November

The Neurodevelopment Clinical Network is organising a Special Interest Group day in conjunction with the PSNZ Annual Conference on Monday 9 November in Wellington. Registrations are now open, with the programme currently being developed and further details to be shared as they become available.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Contact us

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the work of the Neurodevelopment Clinical Network.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch via email to neurodevelopment@paediatrics.org.nz.

For more information about the Neurodevelopment Clinical Network's priorities, resources, and mahi, please visit the [Neurodevelopment Network page](#) on the PSNZ website. We encourage you to share this widely throughout your local networks.



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