

## AAPD Annual Conference

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## Speaker Bios



**Dr Moira Smith** BDS, PGDipSci, DPH, PhD is a Senior Research Fellow/Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Health Promotion and Policy Research Unit in the Department of Public Health, University of Otago, Wellington; and member of the Sir John Walsh Research Institute, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago. Moira graduated BDS in 1987 from the University of Otago, and practiced dentistry in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. In 2010, Moira left private practice to undertake her doctorate in public health and has since undertaken research in the areas of: oral health, particularly of older people and Pacific peoples, oral health services, children's health, and food environments. Moira is currently Chair of the NZ Oral Health

Clinical Advisory Network.



**Dr Ben Wheeler**, MBCHB, DCH, CCE, FRACP, PhD is Associate Professor and Head of Child Health at the Dunedin School of Medicine, Otago Medical School. He also works as a Paediatric Endocrinologist and Diabetes specialist for the Southern District Health Board and the lower half of the South Island, New Zealand. Associate Professor Wheeler is chair of the South Island Alliance Paediatric Diabetes Working Group, a member of the New Zealand Clinical Network for Children and Young People with Diabetes, and a member of council for the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrinology Society. His research principally focuses on access to and use of new technologies for children and youth impacted by Type 1 Diabetes. He has many collaborations currently ongoing in this space, including multiple clinical trials

examining both glucose sensors and advanced forms of insulin delivery (sometimes referred to as closed-loop or artificial pancreas). He also has a secondary research interest in vitamin D and bone health – with one current collaboration with the Otago Faculty of Dentistry investigating the dental implications of vitamin D deficiency during pregnancy and early life.



**Dr Rob Corbett** is a Paediatric Haematologist and Oncologist at Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand working with Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Network Aotearoa, Pacific Development, Counties Manukau District Health Board. Having trained in South Africa and the United Kingdom, Rob was appointed Consultant Paediatric Oncologist/ Haematologist in Canterbury in 1995. During his tenure as Clinical Director of the Southern NZ Child Cancer Service, the service expanded to incorporate the whole of the South and lower North Islands, centred in the Children's Haematology Oncology Centre (CHOC) at Christchurch Hospital. Rob has a strong interest in cancer in the "lost generation" – adolescents and young adults, and service development in the Pacific

Islands. The national Late Effects Assessment Programme (LEAP) was created in 2006 to address the known and potential chronic health care needs of survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer. Rob led this service in the South from 2014. He retired late 2019, but "de-retired" this year to lead the LEAP service again for 12 months.



**Ms Shona Barnett**, is a Child Protection nurse and coordinator in the Violence Intervention programme for the SDHB. Shona has been a CP nurse for 20+ years and within the Violence Intervention programme since its roll out into NZ DHB's in 2007. A primary focus for the programme is the 'routine enquiry' or screening of all women over aged 16 years about intimate and wider family violence they may be experiencing.

About the Violence Intervention Programme:

A main focus of our role is implementing the Violence Intervention Programme (VIP) - a Ministry of Health programme - reducing harm from family violence by implementing an early intervention programme, identifying family violence and child protection in the health settings. The team engage in case consults with staff, quality improvement activities, for both child and partner abuse intervention, and develop district wide policy and documentation associated with VIP. They also support the implementation of family violence and child protection related programmes within the DHB including for example the: National Child Protection Alert System; and the Maternity Care, Wellbeing and Child Protection Multi Agency Group. VIP engages with community agencies and works closely with the Oranga Tamariki Hospital Liaison Workers in both Otago and Southland.

We also work with the Whāngaia teams across Southland and Otago, which are tasked with making sure families experiencing violence get the help and joined-up support they need from family violence services. The VIP team offers core, refresher and specialist training for staff which covers care and protection and family violence.