Celebrating Our People 2015

Welcome Haere Mai | Respect Manaaki | Together Tūhono | Aim High Angamua

Auckland District Health Board
Te Toka Tumai
Foreword

Auckland DHB is its people and its people are awesome!

The commitment to doing our best to support our patients and each other is second to none.

Celebration of our people, recognising personal and team commitment, and skill is something we have been implementing throughout the last few years. Be it just saying thank you or the presentation of an award everyone deserves to be thanked.

I am immensely proud of our team. Last year a number of our team had significant achievements or hit some big milestones.

I wanted to be able to share and celebrate these in one place, which is where the idea for ‘celebrating our people’ came from.

This book includes the many people who were recognised through awards for everything from commitment to Auckland DHB with long service, to local heroes, and to those aiming high with specific awards.

These people are just the tip of the iceberg and I know we have many many more unsung heroes out there.

Congratulations to everyone who made a significant achievement in 2015 and I look forward to hearing about many more of your achievements in 2016.

If you know of someone whose special recognition or achievement we can celebrate in the future please do let me know.

Congratulations to each of you recognised in this book and thank you to all of our team for what you do for our patients and communities.

Ailsa
Our Local Heroes 2015

Our local heroes are the people who go above and beyond. Patients, families and colleagues are encouraged to nominate members of the Auckland DHB team who are deserving of a local hero. Every month an overall winning local hero is chosen from all the nominations received. The winner is presented with a trophy by the Chief Executive in front of their colleagues. Everyone nominated receives a personally handwritten card from the Chief Executive.

Congratulations to all our local heroes.

January

Lynley Frame | Volunteer

Lynley Frame is one of our volunteers and was nominated by the parent of a patient in Starship. She told us: “Lynley has just been amazing and has been visiting and reading to my daughter, Grace, every Friday for the past 10 months. Grace is in a coma and it has made a huge difference to me to know that she is with Grace when I can’t be there. She has got to know Grace who responds positively to Lynley when she is there. It has made this dramatic time in our lives easier to bear.”

February

Dr Chanel Prestidge | Consultant, Renal Paediatric

Chanel was nominated by the parent of a patient who told us: “My daughter received a successful kidney transplant in 2014 at Starship. In January this year we were able to take a holiday for the first time in several years. While on holiday our daughter came down with some potentially transplant-related symptoms. The US doctors were easily able to contact Chanel, despite the late hour. Chanel called us personally late at night to reassure us that all was well and continued to provide follow-up help. It made us all feel good to know that we could so easily contact one of our New Zealand doctors while on holiday. Chanel’s care and concern for Samantha and our family is deserving of special mention as a local hero.”

March

Catherine Dixon-McIver | Registered Obstetric Nurse

Catherine was nominated by a patient who said: “I was a new mum suffering from a very bad mastitis infection. While in hospital, I also found out I had a large blood clot in my left leg. The support and after-care suggestions made by this awesome lady made my very difficult start to motherhood easier. Catherine restored my self-esteem about my ability to breastfeed. This is where Catherine is a hero to me and my family because she spent the time and had the patience to make sure I didn’t feel pressured into doing anything that was uncomfortable for me or my baby girl. Anyone admitted to the Tamaki Ward with Catherine as their midwife is very lucky and in the best hands.”

April

Leigh Elton | Staff Nurse - CED

The nurse who nominated Leigh says “Leigh is the family violence intervention champion for CED. On Orange Friday (13 March) she had just worked a night shift and had had only three hours sleep. She set up a stall in the level 3 coffee area, sold raffle tickets and ran a silent auction. She had previously obtained all the prizes herself. Leigh raised over $1000 to donate to SHINE, which provides support and care for any of our patients who are victims of family violence. Leigh’s efforts went well above and beyond what her role requires and she is a true example of a nurse with commitment and caring.”

May

Reuben Gordon | Optometrist, GCC Eye Clinic

Reuben was nominated by a patient who said: “Every time I come for an appointment, he is always informative without lecturing. I have always enjoyed my appointments at the Eye Clinic but have only just seen the page for local heroes. Reuben is an asset to the Clinic and I love that I’m going to be able to drive soon, after being off the road for over 15 years.”

June

Dr Suresh Navadgi | Hepato-biliary Fellow on Ward 78

Suresh was nominated by a patient’s family who said “My wife has had some real ups and downs with her health. We have both witnessed some really excellent staff and high levels of care. “One of your staff has really gone the extra mile-surgeon Suresh Navadgi who is part of Adam Bartlett’s team. Suresh personally ensured my wife got the treatment she needed. On one occasion he personally escorted my wife to a follow up ultrasound to give my wife reassurance.”

July

Dr Kevin King | Consultant Dental Surgeon

Kevin was nominated by a patient’s family who said: “Dr King has been treating my sister who is intellectually and physically disabled. Dr King is always kind and gentle with her. He exhibits compassion and respect to his special patients in a manner that reflects him to be a genuine and lovely man.”

August

Joyce Forsyth | Flow Manager & Frank Tracey | Acting Director Clinical Support

Joyce and Frank were nominated by a staff member who said: “At 5.15pm on a Friday night – when most staff would have left to enjoy their weekend – I witnessed these two helping a frail wheelchair-bound gentleman to get home. They assisted this gentleman out of the front lobby, carrying his bags, signalled down a taxi, physically helped him into the car and paid for his fare home. They showed kindness, compassion and empathy. I am nominating both individuals as local heroes because, despite the often thankless job they do to support key hospital functions, they are still prepared to go the extra mile for our patients.”

September

Edith Scott | Student Nurse (AUT) while on placement at Ward 41

Edith was nominated by a patient’s daughter who said: “My mum was transferred to Auckland City Hospital after three weeks in another hospital. She was pretty distraught and Edith built up a rapport with her, treating her with the patience and dignity that an 86-year-old deserves. After we left, Edith spent most of the evening with her. Mum ended up staying one week, and Edith popped up each time she had a shift. On the day of Mum’s second operation, Edith spent the whole day with her. Her actions gave me a feeling of being supported as many other things in my world were crashing down. I have come across many lovely staff in hospitals, but Edith was unique.”

October

Denise Thatcher | Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

Denise was nominated by a staff member who said: “When the hospital was very busy, we asked staff to work extra weekend hours to support older adults. Denise offered to come in and support the on call consultant and discharge planning. As a result six patients were discharged on Saturday in Older Persons Health, which is our highest number for one day over the weekend. This meant the hospital had beds for the weekend should more frail older adults need help. Denise always gives above and beyond, never tiring and always willing. She is a fantastic nurse and we are very lucky to have her working in our team.”

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Local Hero Nominees 2015

January
Barbara Woods, Christine Halligan, Dena De Souza, Emalina Palalagi, Erin Pascoe, Gracy Dias, Hannah Dewe, Helena Whyte, Jenny Hewitt, Joanna Pearce, John Plusie, John Scotter, Michael Cosgrove, Nigel Wilson, Prem Singh, Shirley Wilson, Sue Hurst, Susanne Biddick

February
Alan Laming, Alison Boggs, Alphonsa Babu, Anjala Rattan, Helen Bae, Helen Sayer, Ligi Thomas, Lisa Chung, Marie Fraser, Mary Tavita, Robyn Telfer, Rosemary Mesritz, Sean Evans, Tony Ambros

March
Deb Eade, Denise Le Lievre, Fredric Doss, Jennifer Laidlaw, Karen Dynon, Lynsay Mickel, Madeline Gee, Marta Gillespie, Patrick Mendes, Sally Floyd

April
Ben Harley, Caroline Radich, Futaso Fretton, Fiona Miles, Geraldine Donovan, Helen Pilmore, Kristen Finucane, Ron Eccleshall, Sonja McCrae, Theresa Wallwork

May
Courtney Leith, Derek Hallmond, Elizabeth Grantham, Hannah Bagnall, Jocelyn Watson, Leilani Jackson, Lindsay Cleaver, Megan Goudie, Nadia Miha, Nilesani Deo, Prasad Karavadi, Rosemary Mesritz, Saira Kika, Vanessa May-Henley

June
Anne Rutherford, Betty Just, Danny Khatibi, Esfandia Harriman, Lilly Pekapi, Lynne Batcheler, Phil Lane, Veronica Turn, Yunneil Li

July
Alison Whittington, Anna Vosseteig, Geraldine Filipo, Graeme Bruce, Jane Wilkinson, Lydia Muller, Maria Laupua, Max Mclean, Susanne Biddick, Vimath

August
Andrew Puckey, Patricia Chang, Courtney Jones, Dorothy Porter, Elicia Temita, Mary Baker, Mere Lawson, Paul Simcock, Victoria Cuthers, Warren Smith

September

November
Abby Faitala, Gamoa Fiaiti, Gauvra Mediratta, Georgia Carr, Gina Meredith, Jason Wong, Kala Madsen, Karen Davis, Kate Comery, Lotte Pritchard, Lynne Hutton, Lynnette Newby, Mary Brennan, Meena Barmeto, Michael Collins, Nosia Brumic, Paul Manley, Sabrina Holmes, Sanjay Pandanaboyana, Sharla Walker, Soana Fanuitume, Steven Zhou, Tina Williams

December
Adele McMahon, Allen Cottle, Floyd Dagh, Graeme Bruce, Jane Wilkinson, Lydia Muller, Maria Laupua, Max Mclean, Susanne Biddick, Vimath

The staff member who nominated Kathryn said: “Kat went out of her way to assist in getting the best outcomes for a long stay patient when complex issues arose around funding, referral and equipment. With Kat’s input and deep understanding of his potential, goals and potential; and looking outside of the box for ways to support him clinically; and advocating for him he is now in a rehab facility. To us Kat demonstrates our shared values: Aim high she drives a high performing team and has a deep respect for colleagues, patients and families. Kat demonstrates these values with all her patients but this example shows what an impact she has on the life of patients and family.”

Beryl was nominated by a staff member who said: “When an elderly patient hadn’t received his appointment letter and preparation medications, Beryl patiently went through all the instructions with him including a step by step of his diet schedule (a time consuming process) and she even dropped off the medication to his house in her own time because the courier had failed to deliver it. This is just one example of Beryl going out of her way to help patients.”

In May 2015 we held our Inaugural A+ Trust Nursing and Midwifery Awards. The Awards celebrate the amazing dedication and professionalism of our Nurses and Midwives.

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists

**Our Winners 2015**

**Chief Nursing Officer Award:** Sarah Williams, Public Health Nurse, Mana Clinic | Adult Community and Long Term Conditions Nursing Award: Denise Thatchter, Gerontology Nurse Specialist | Adult Medical Nursing Award: Terrina Ihaia, Staff Nurse Emergency Department | Cancer and Blood Nursing Award: Anne Marie Robinson, Staff Nurse | Cardiac Services Nursing Award: Amelia Condoll, Nurse Educator, CVICU | Children’s Health Directorate and Starship Foundation Excellence in Clinical Practice: Tracey Vincent, Nurse Specialist, Ward 73 | Clinical Support Nursing Award: Joyce Forsyth | Mental Health and Addictions Nursing Award: Julie Marlow, Community Mental Health Nurse | Perioperative Nurses Choice Award (Operating Room): Jackie Oliver, Charge Nurse, Perioperative Cardiac DR | Perioperative Nurses Choice Award (PANC): Ella Mclean, suri Nurse, Greenlane Surgical Unit | Surgical Nursing Leadership Award: Mognabal Ram, Registered Nurse, Ward 73 | Women’s Health Nursing and Midwifery Award: Ella Baker, Midwife | Cecille Thompson Award: Cheryl Calvert, Gerontology Nurse Specialist | Kim Williams General Medicine Scholarship: Sally Jeong, Staff Nurse, Ward 68 | Judith Phillipson Excellence in Bedside Care Delivery Award: Michelle Stewart, Staff Nurse, Ward 26b | W T Bollard Child Health Excellence in Clinical Practice: Helen Waldron, Clinical Charge Nurse, PICU | D C Hounsell Prize: Lyndsay Mickell, Registered Nurse, Ward 85 | W A Fairclough Award: Kristine Newton, Registered Nurse, Totara Ward | Trophy of Tradition: Adele McMahon, Neuro-Oncology Nurse Specialist

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In 2015 we continued to recognise people who have achieved more than 20 years’ service. We celebrated significant milestones at seven Long Service Events with about 300 members of the Auckland DHB team who brought along their families and friends.

- **30 year milestones**
  - Helen Mcgrinder
  - Helen Greenway
  - Heather Hamill
  - Helen Gibbs
  - Helen Mcgrinder
  - Helen Greenway

- **20 year milestones**
  - Jean Merrington
  - Jean Duffus
  - Jean Duffus
  - Jean Merrington
  - Jean Merrington
  - Jean Duffus
Each year applications are invited for the Auckland DHB Health Excellence Awards. In 2015, 38 applications were submitted. From these, expert judging panels selected winners and finalists for each category. The winners were revealed at the Health Excellence Awards evening.

**This year’s winners & finalists**

### Values project **Winner**

**Dr Andrew Old, Elizabeth Jeffs, Lorraine Hetaraka-Stevens, Jane Goessi, Sarah Devine, Bruce Levi, Susanne Biddick, Julie Helean, Samantha Bennett, Sue Copas, Maxine Streed, Tim Keogh, Bronwen Summers, Gilbert Wong**

### Subsidised Gym Membership **Winner**

**Kim White, Simon Bawen, Giaa Milasaa**

### AOD Internship Programme **Winner**

**Philip Grealis, Anne Bateman, Dr David Newcombe, Samantha White**

### Design for Health and Wellbeing Lab (DHW)

**Joshua Munn, Justin Kennedy-Good, Guy Collier, Steve Bray (AUT), Rod Douglas, Byron Thomhill**

### Excellence in the Workplace **Winner**

**Transforming the way we care for children diagnosed with coeliac disease in Auckland**

**Dr Simon Chin, Carl Sunderland, Paul Birth, Dr Helen Evans, Kim Heribison, Dr Barnett Bond, Amy Kostrewski**

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**Dr Kathryn Chrystal, Dr Rosalie Fisher, Leanne Wilson, Prej Venu, Dr Mayada Kellow, Dr Ruth Angell, Dr Helen Moore, Dr Lois Eva, Dr Michelle Harris, Dr Ebiba Hameed, Penny Bagnoud, Dr John Whittaker, Kathryn Payne and Dr Peter Fang, Dr Ai Ling Tan, Dr Susan Brooks, Dr David Rogers, Tasha Mackie, Elspeth Winton**

**Whole Blood Transfusion**

**Dr Richard Charlkwood, Dr James Le Fevre, Kathy Clark, Dr Christopher Denny, Dr Jo Mack**

**Implementing the Glamorgan Pressure Injury Risk Assessment Scale**

**Romina Rahy, Cath Byrne, Sarah Little, Melanie Laniague-Evans, Kelly Okeff, Stephanie Moore, Sue McNight**

**Rheumatic Fever prevention in partnership with Healthy Action Village Zone (HVAZ)**

**Fuul Veri, Natasha Finaz, Ray Tuaela (back), Chikien Simuwae, Gayle Le-Tokatika, Annie Satala, Gayle Lepalu, Malofenoana Hilda Fatavale, Toilofa Sefa Le-Fakatani, Menope Channing, To'a Vara, Rachel Enua-Sasere**

**School-based immunisation programme**

**Indigo Matisi, Janette Groot, Emily Sedon, Kristy Jackson, Heather Caw, Sumitra Krishna, Nareen Javid, Vicki Hogg, Maddie Worker, Maty Thoa, Nimada O’Souza, Charles Misquitta, Karen Wills, Gamma Pickering, Amy Herath, Hannah Morris-Kromich, Nancy Naira, Donna Wymal, Cynthia Flores, Leliani Nipa, Amemanie Odersan, Jenny Vala, Angela Ngou-Chen, Ruth, Student nurse, Te Wai Barbara, Ben Lamarey, Valerie Lisigan-Miner, Su Ashwell, Sue Skilton, Chryssy Lambert, Seif Vose-Patterson, Lalili Wilson, Gina Fuiumano, Bianca Tuiuamosi, Laxinia Motolelo-Talfe, Samaueva Haepahato, Kish Kruit (Team Leader), Sarah Williams, Sharlene Daha, Caroline Evile, Lorraine Cunningham**

We want to acknowledge the hard work of the other members of the Child & Youth team who are not present in this photo.
Excellence in Research

EXTEND-IA Winner
Endovascular therapy for ischemic stroke with perfusion-imaging selection
Left to right: Professor Alan Barber, Dr Ben Mc Guiness, Dr Stefan Brew, Dr Maurice Moriarty

Ringones inhaler for children with asthma
Back row: Professor Ed Mitchell, Alastair Stewart, Dr Jeff Harrison
Front row: Elizabeth Garrett, Amy Chan
Absent: Professor Peter Black, Professor Carlos Camargo Jr

AVERT (A Very Early Rehabilitation Trial)
Back row: Ashleigh Green, Anna McBee, Ben Scrivener, Linda Harvey-Fitzgerald
Front row: William Foster, Kathryn Quick, Lisa Lyons, Margery Bertulfs
Absent: Chandini Gadhe, Kamlesh Nand, Thresia Mathew, Marissa Martin, Lisa Hsu, Anju John

Process and Systems Improvement Winner
Improving histology report turnaround
Back row: Tania Smith, Joe McDermott, Dr Paul Restall
Front row: Muna Bulbul, Tamasi Inou, Tanya Fulton, Debbie O'Regan, Natasha Caldwell
Absent: Daniel Hunt, Jeanette McFarlane, Jan Serfontein, Elaine McGrath, Jan Tew, Clinton Turner, Robyn Oldfield, Logan Carpenter

Putting order into menstrual disorder
Left to right: Astrid Budden, Pauline Fakalata, Khalidoun Aweidah, Jenny McDougal, Kathy Dryden
Absent: Cindy Dic, Martin Sowter
Below left: Marycel Carpio, Astrid Budden, Mahesh Harilall, Jackie Thomas, Yvonne Finlay, Ellen Zhang

Review of the medication administration processes
Back row: John McTaggart, Rob Ticehurst, Andy Reid, Stephanie Noble, Paul Birch
Front row: Christine Rigby, Donna Bartlett, Laura Ions, Eleni Nikolau, Fern Nunes Ponce
Absent: Scott Mclaughlin, Denise Le Laverne

Turning Vision into Reality – Northern Hub
Left to right: Priyesh Nathani, Marc Ier Beek, Kimberly Gamet
Absent: Renée Gregerson, Jenny Eaton, Lynne Moore, Sheila Cappano, Jane Petti

Chief Executive’s Award
Values project Winner
Dr Andrew Old, Elizabeth Jeffs, Lorraine Hetaraka-Stevens, Jane Goessi, Sarah Devine, Bruce Levi, Susanne Biddick, Julie Heelan, Samantha Bennett, Sue Copas, Maxine Stead, Tim Kofig, Bronwen Summers, Gilbert Wong

Maungakiekie health information – locality co-design journey
Left to right: Tom Faulks, Nicola Marie, Bridget Graham, Tony Broad, Julanne McElbaneney, Kate Rhind, Sue Copas, Lisa Cauldrey

Empowering families – a cultural perspective
Left to right: Madeline Sands, Hyma Danshalo, Annette Mortensen, Saliqa Haye

Nursing metrics: measuring and improving nursing care
Back row: Dawn Tucker, Cath Byrne, Stephanie Hlahovsky
Front: Elaine McCall, Sarah Little
Absent: Abby Watts, Jane Cameron
The Keith de Carteret Award winner

The Keith de Carteret Award is for trained Anaesthetic Technicians who go above and beyond in their supervision of trainees.

Six nominations were received for this inaugural award, and Mario Pascual was selected as the first recipient of this prize. Mario has been described by colleagues as “unparalleled and exceptional – a mentor who motivates trainees to persevere when they are struggling.” He willingly assists them in their study with extra tuition and is appreciated for his wisdom, encouragement, positive attitude and honest communication.

Emma Ball Memorial Prize

Dr Rebecca Alekzander has been awarded the Emma Ball Memorial Prize. The award is presented to a paediatric trainee on the Northern Region training scheme, and acknowledges a Doctor who stood out during their year in training by supporting other junior Doctors and stressed parents, and making a busy paediatric team a more enjoyable place to work.

Rebecca is an “exceptional trainee who has shown excellent decision-making, leadership skills and has gone the extra mile in supporting her colleagues”. In the words of her supervisors “when it’s busy you breathe a sigh of relief if Rebecca is on call”.

The trainees are from all the hospitals in the Northern Region but have all worked at Starship and National Women’s during their training.

We are the largest clinical research facility in New Zealand with a research portfolio that comprises more than 1,100 projects. Our Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health professionals and Scientists engage in research that attracts funding, participation and peer esteem both from New Zealand and internationally.

Research poster week is an annual snapshot of the research activity at Auckland DHB and an opportunity to showcase to our people, our patients, families and visitors the ways in which research is creating new knowledge about health and the delivery of healthcare. More than 60 posters were displayed in the level 5 atrium of Auckland City Hospital during the final week of November. Teams of judges from the fields of Health Professions, Medicine and Nursing assessed and scored the posters in their categories and winners and runners up were decided.

In 2015 our research winners were:

- **Nursing category**
  - **Winner**
    - Sharlene McCleary-Diallo
    - Public Health Nurse on behalf of K Wilks, L Bobsien and A Leversha and the Community Child Health and Disability Team, Starship Child Health.
  - **Highly Commended**
    - Gemma Pickering
    - Public Health Nurse on behalf of Su Askwith, Jenae Vaki, Karen Wilks, Natalie Desmond and the Community Child Health and Disability Team, Starship Child Health.

- **Project**
  - School Health Teams.
  - Above and beyond HPV targets.
Research

Medical category

**Winner**
Annaliese Blincoe

**Project**
Do defects in the innate immune system contribute to bronchiectasis in Māori and Pacific Island children?

**Runner Up**
Yu-Hin Lam

**Project**
Routine preoperative investigations for elective surgery: Junior Doctor attitudes and aptitude.

Starship category

**Winner**
Barbara Cormack

**Project**
Iron status of preterm infants post hospital discharge.

**Runner Up**
Dr Nicola Culliford-Semmens

**Project**
Clinical outcomes and duration of follow up of children with rheumatic heart disease detected by echocardiographic screening in New Zealand.

Allied Health category

**Winner**
Barbara Cormack

**Project**
Iron status of preterm infants post hospital discharge.

**Runner Up**
Karen Lawry

**Project**
Laboratory detection of acquired carbapenemases – evaluation of phenotypic methods and a commercial molecular assay.

The Young Investigator Award

Every year, Auckland clinicians who are in the early stages of their career are invited to submit their research. The finalists are invited to present their research and the winner is chosen by an expert panel.

**Winner**
Dr Sonakshi Sharma,
Advanced Trainee in Endocrinology

**Finalists**
Dr Mirjam van den Boom, Dr Frances Dowen, Dr Nicola Culliford-Semmens and Dr Junaid Beig.

External recognition of research

**Rutherford Medal**
Distinguished Professor Ian Reid

Professor Reid has also been awarded the Rutherford Medal by the Royal Society of New Zealand for his research to understand and treat metabolic bone diseases, such as osteoporosis and Paget’s disease. The Rutherford Medal is the highest honour awarded by the Royal Society of New Zealand and acknowledges a lifetime of significant scholarly research and the promotion of this knowledge to the benefit of New Zealand society.

**Prime Minister’s Science Prize Winners**
Associate Professors Mark Bolland and Andrew Grey, Distinguished Professor Ian Reid

Mark, Andrew and Ian were awarded the 2015 Prime Minister’s Science Prize for their Bone and Joint Research. The prize is awarded to an transformative discovery or achievement in science that has had a significant impact on New Zealand or internationally.
**External recognition of research**

**Beaven Medal**

Professor Edwin Mitchell

Professor Mitchell was awarded the Beaven Medal by the Health Research Council of New Zealand for his work on causes of sudden infant death syndrome and a subsequent preventive public health programme. It is estimated that Professor Mitchell’s research has saved over 3,000 babies lives in New Zealand to date.

**Mason Durie Medal**

Professor Keith Petrie

Professor Petrie received the Mason Durie medal for his research into patients’ perceptions of illness and how these perceptions impact on recovery and coping. His research has brought the importance of patient perspectives more to the forefront in clinical medicine.

**Research Fellowships**

Rebecca Griffiths

Rebecca received the NZ Diabetes Foundation research fellowship.

Dr Sandra Hotu

Sandra who has secured a Health Research Council of New Zealand fellowship.

Jessica Harper,
Social Worker,
Early Childhood Team

Jessica has been successful in obtaining the Wilson-Sweet Fellowship from the Department of Paediatrics, University of Auckland. Her research proposal is “What hinders and enables help seeking behaviour in parents transitioning from pregnancy to parenthood”. She will take up the fellowship for 12 months (half time) in 2016.

**Academic and education achievements**

**Associate Professor at the University of Auckland**

Dr Nicola Dalbeth,
SMO Rheumatology

Nicola was appointed Associate Professor at the University of Auckland.

Promotion to Professor is a mark of distinction, recognising professional and academic eminence at an international level.

**Clinical Teacher Award**

Dr Simon Rowley,
Specialist, Neonatologist

Simon received the distinguished Clinical Teacher award from the University of Auckland.

**Top of the Class for Auckland DHB Anaesthetic Technician**

Viliami Takau

Viliami completed his Anaesthetic Technician training at Auckland DHB. He sat his final Medical Sciences Council Registration exam in October and achieved the ‘Top Candidate’ Award in New Zealand for 2015. Since qualifying Viliami has taken up full time employment as a registered Anaesthetic Technician in the Cardiothoracic and ORL Operating Department.

**Gordon Trinca Medal**

Rhondda Paice,
Nurse Specialist,
Trauma Co-ordinator

Rhondda was awarded the Gordon Trinca Medal from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. This award recognises education and teaching in trauma care, with particular emphasis on the early management of severe trauma programme. Rhondda is one of only three nurses to receive this award.

**MCNZ prevocational accreditation**

Gill Naden,
Clinical Education
and Training Unit Manager

Gill has led the MCNZ prevocational Accreditation process to a commended approval.
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Academic and education achievements

University of Auckland Vice-Chancellor’s prize for best doctoral theses

Rachael Parke, Research Nurse on ward 48

Rachael’s thesis on ‘High Flow Nasal Oxygen Therapy in Patients after Cardiac Surgery’ was chosen as one of the five most exceptional theses successfully examined in 2014. Rachael’s thesis describes a programme of research undertaken to investigate the effect of nasal high flow oxygen therapy on patients after cardiac surgery.

Cleaning Service Graduation

25 members of our Cleaning Services team

Congratulations to 25 of our Cleaning Services team for graduating from a Workbase training programme in communication. A graduation ceremony was held in September to celebrate their success and recognise the hard work that went into completing the course. The programme was offered to Cleaning Services staff who speak English as a second language.

Green Belt Graduates

In 2010, as part of our organisation’s commitment to excellence, we started training our people in Quality Improvement. Our most intensive programme — Green Belt training — is taught through nine days of training over a six-month period. To date about 160 people have completed Green Belt Training with the projects completed as part of the course delivering some amazing improvements and innovations from improving patient experience, saving staff time and saving the organisation money. Congratulations to our 2015 Green Belt graduates:

- Leisa Neumann, District Nursing Charge Nurse
- Paul Manley, Renal Physician
- Penny Impey, Service Improvement Manager
- Karen Schimanski, ED Nurse Consultant
- Anne Morrison, ARPHS
- Jenny Wong, ARPHS
- Suzanne Joynt, NUM, Renal & Gastro
- Tracey Barley, ED Staff Nurse
- Shona Muir, ACP Project Manager
- Cathy Lewis, Director Business Intelligence
- David Semple, Renal Physician
- Joye Dixon, Technical Specialist, Laboratories
- Katie Quinney, Service Manager, Gen Surg, Trauma, Transplant & Neuro
- Lee Fogarty, Outpatients Charge Nurse
- Lucy Modahl, Radiologist
- Mohammad Alshadiefat, Team Leader, CSSD
- Ruth Sliedrecht, ARPHS
- Sally Vogel, Clinical Director, Paediatric Radiology
- Anne Comber, Team Leader, Oral Health
- Vanessa Ngan, Information Management Analyst
- Karen Lovelock, Cardiothoracic Charge Nurse
- Dean Kilfoyle, Service Clinical Director & Neurologist
- Mary Thompson, Manager, Operations Information Management
- Pauline McKay, Charge Nurse Manager, Mental Health
- Sarah Wallbank, Service Manager, Child & Adolescent Mental Health
National and international voices in health

There are many people within our organisation who have received appointments to health organisations globally. This reflects the expertise and skills within Auckland DHB and helps put our DHB on the international map for health excellence.

Dr Stephen Child

Stephen Child, Director of Clinical Training and General Medicine Consultant was appointed as the Chair of the New Zealand Medical Association. He is also a member of the NZ Telehealth Leadership Forum and Clinical Governance group for ProCare.

Professor Frank Bloomfield

Frank Bloomfield, Specialist Neonatologist, was appointed Director of Liggins Institute in July. He was also elected as a member of Council of the Perinatal Research Society of the USA and is the first non-North American Council member. Frank has also been elected as a member of the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute.

Dr Malcolm Battin

Malcolm Battin, Service Clinical Director, has been appointed Chair Of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Working Party on Academic Honesty and Plagiarism.

Dr Sai Wong

Dr Sai Wong, the consultant psychiatrist for the Asian Mental Health team at Auckland DHB, has been recognised for his service to mental health and the Chinese community with the Order of New Zealand Merit (ONZM) in the New Year Honours.

Professor Ed Gane

Professor Ed Gane is acknowledged for his exceptional work in clinical hepatology, specifically as lead author of highly cited research into novel Hepatitis C treatment using antivirals.

Professor Ian Civil

Professor Ian Civil is acknowledged for his leadership of trauma services at a national level and his academic contribution to trauma literature.

External Awards

New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association annual conference

Best poster in medication safety / innovation

Kiri Aikman

What The Clot?! RE-visiting Dabigatran.

A review looking at emerging evidence surrounding the use of this new anticoagulant (Dabigatran) in obese individuals.

Best paper from a recently graduated Pharmacist

Joe Monkhouse, Dr Robyn Toomath and Fiona Coulter

HARP@Discharge – A Pilot to Support Medicines Management at Patients’ Discharge.

A clinical pharmacy initiative to support patients with their medicines at discharge.

Best overall paper

Adele Print

Reaching Out Beyond the Hospital Walls: A New Clinical Pharmacy Service for People with Intellectual Disability in the Community.

A clinical pharmacy initiative, in partnership with Spectrum Care (a charitable organisation), to conduct medication reviews for complex intellectual disability individuals in the community.

Best paper in medication safety / innovation

Preetika Vareed, Rebecca Dean and Liz Oliphant

Oral Formulations.

A project to raise awareness of the risks associated with incorrectly formulated liquid medicines for children.

Max health Award

PLAN Team: Amy Chan, Kiri, Ziyen, Natasha, Ricky, Sarah and Joe Monkhouse

A clinical pharmacy initiative to promote health literacy and support patients to better understand their medicines.
**External awards**

**Ko Awatea International Excellence in Health Improvement Awards**

Tim Denison, Performance Improvement Director

Tim Denison won the ‘Leading Sustained Quality Improvement’ award at Ko Awatea’s International Excellence in Health Improvement Awards. The Award was presented for his role in leading and improving acute flow at Auckland City Hospital since 2009. Without this work, by 2015 our patients would have collectively spent an additional 35 years waiting for inpatient beds, and on average we would expect to have 100+ more patients staying in hospital every night – the equivalent of needing four more wards (the ‘Hidden Hospital’).

Dr Sharon Rhodes and Dr Matthew Drake, Women’s Health Anaesthetists

Dr Sharon Rhodes and Dr Matthew Drake were also chosen as finalists in the ‘Promoting Clinical Research and Application to Practice’ category for their work in using a patient experience survey and clinical audit to introduce enhanced recovery after obstetric surgery.

**NZMA award for mindfulness medical education**

Dr Tony Fernando

Dr Tony Fernando was the winner of this year’s NZMA Chair’s award for mindfulness medical education and is not going to let the prize go to his head.

Tony is a psychiatrist, sleep specialist and University of Auckland psychological medicine lecturer.

**Clinician’s challenge**

Rob Ticehurst, Principal Pharmacist (Medication Safety)

Rob Ticehurst was recently selected as one of four finalists out of 66 entries in the 2015 Clinician’s challenge. Rob presented a proposal on an integrated system to manage risks associated with medication allergies at the Health Informatics NZ Conference in Christchurch.

**Value of medicines award**

Amy Chan, Auckland City Hospital Pharmacist

Amy Chan the value of medicines award for her world-leading study on a ‘smart’ inhaler for children with asthma.

Amy’s PhD research, published in The Lancet Respiratory Medicine journal in January, showed a 180 per cent improvement in preventive inhaler use in children who used a SmartTrack inhaler.

**NZ Designers Institute Best awards**

Design for Health & Wellbeing Lab

Our Design for Health & Wellbeing Lab was in the NZ Designers Institute Best Awards on 9 October and came away with a Silver Award for the physical space itself and the coveted ‘Purple Pin’ supreme award in the inaugural Public Good category.

**Australasian MS Nursing Conference**

Fiona d’Young, Nurse Specialist, Multiple Sclerosis Service and Hilary Boyd, Project Manager - Co-design Strategy/Participation & Improvement

Fiona and Hilary won the award for the best presentation and the overall conference award at the Australasian MS nursing conference for their multiple sclerosis co-design project. As part of the prize, Fiona presented the project at the international MS conference in Maryland.

**Acknowleged by Director General**

Michael Geraghty, Nurse Practitioner, Auckland City Hospital, Emergency Department

Michael has been acknowledged by the Director-General, Ministry of Health. Michael contributed to the New Zealand Medical Assistance Team (NZMAT) deployment to the Shepherd Islands in Vanuatu earlier this year. This was in the wake of the destruction caused by Cyclone Pam.
External awards

New Zealander of the Year Semi-finalists

Associate Professor Susan Parry, Clinical Director, NZFGCS

Professor Susan Parry was a semi-finalist in the Kiwibank New Zealander of the year award for her work on Bowel Cancer.

Dr Brian Broom, Physician and Health Educator

Dr Brian Broom specialising in the areas of immunology and psychotherapy was one of three finalists in the senior category for the New Zealander of the year. He is a visionary global leader who has pioneered a health education break-through that is profoundly person-centred and cross-cultural.

Services to Nursing

Abel Smith and Sonya Temata, Auckland DHB Nurses

Abel and Sonya were honoured for their services to nursing at a NZ Nurses Organisation ceremony in September. Abel Smith was recognised for his long commitment to the career development of Pacific Nurses and health workers. Sonya Temata was acknowledged for her family-focused work in indigenous health and her voluntary work in women’s refuges and homeless shelters.

Auckland Transport Commute

Phil Schulze and Ian D’Young, Performance Improvement Team

Phil and Ian won the Travel Champions award for their role in leading the work and the sustainability project was highly commended in the Supreme Award.

Neonatal Nurse of the year

Shirley Wilson, Clinical Charge Nurse, NICU

Shirley Wilson, Clinical Charge Nurse, NICU achieved Neonatal Nurse of the year, Neonatal Nurses College - Aotearoa.

Innovation

Neuroassessment Ages and Stages Tool

Ana Kennedy, Nurse Practitioner, and Denise Sween and Lindy Slater, Play Specialists

Ana, Denise and Lindy instigated the neuroassessment Ages and Stages tool for children within the paediatric and congenital cardiac service. The tool has been hugely successful, enabling the team to monitor and track our patient population, as well as empowering parents to support their child’s learning and development. Denise, Lindy and Ana have worked hard to embed the assessment progress into the wards admission process. They have also presented their findings and experience at the Paediatric Society of New Zealand 67th scientific meeting.

Pedi-Anesth by Starship App

Brian Anderson, Paediatric Anaesthetist, Starship

Brian has swapped his operating room scrubs for the high-tech world of app development with the creation of an app for paediatric anaesthesia. The new Pedi-Anesth by Starship app is available on Apple and Android platforms. The app is a mobile phone supplement to a textbook, A Practice of Anesthesia for Infants and Children, which Brian and his American colleagues, Charles Coté and Jerrold Lerman edit.
Organisation Initiatives

Hybrid Operating Room
Dr Alastair McGeorge, Cardiac Anaesthetist
Cardiac anaesthetist Alastair McGeorge oversaw the nine-month build of the new hybrid suite.

We opened the most technologically advanced operating room in the country last October. The $5.5 million complex provides patients with a one-stop-shop for both surgery and high-definition X-ray procedures. The new high-tech hybrid operating room incorporates X-ray technology to allow for keyhole-type surgeries to be performed with X-ray guidance.

Successful accreditation
Gill Naden and Dr Stephen Child, Clinical Education and Training Unit
The Medical Council of NZ has accredited Auckland DHB as a provider of prevocational medical training. No corrective actions were required and several commendations were made. This is a tribute to Gill Naden and Stephen Child of the Clinical Education and Training Unit who are responsible for the prevocational training programme.

Advance Care Planning
Dr Barry Snow, Director Adult Service and Leigh Manson, Programme Director
Barry and Leigh have received very well deserved international recognition for their work on Advance Care Planning.

Safekids wins international award
Safekids Aotearoa
Our child injury prevention service at Starship, took home the ‘Excellence in Communications’ award at PREVCON 2015. They were up against child safety programmes and campaigns from 24 other countries. Safekids were recognised for ‘The Battery Controlled Partnership’ — a campaign that raised awareness around the dangers of children swallowing lithium button batteries.

For more information about this booklet, Email: communication@adhb.govt.nz
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