

Spring Symposium on Hearing Health Issues Facing the New Zealand Population

Date: Monday 21st November, 2011. 8.00am – 5.00pm.

**Venue: Room 732.201, Tamaki Campus, The University of
Auckland, 261 Morrin Road, Glen Innes, Auckland**

Hearing loss is a very prevalent condition and strategies are needed to manage and prevent the impairment to reduce the burden on individuals and society. The situation is also likely to worsen as the population ages. This symposium will look at hearing loss in the New Zealand population and particularly at more vulnerable groups such as Māori, Pacific, the elderly and prisoners. The Symposium will conclude with a discussion for strategies going forward in dealing with Hearing Health Issues facing the New Zealand population.

Confirmed topics include:

- NZ population now and the future.
- Hearing in the Elderly.
- Hearing Screening.
- Māori Hearing Health.
- Pacific Hearing Health.
- Prisoner Hearing.
- Noise Induced Hearing Loss.
- Deafness and the Community.

Confirmed speakers include: Professor Suzanne Purdy - Department of Psychology, Gerhard Sundborn - AUT, Ms Jane McEntee - National Screening Unit, Dr Ru Douglas, Dr Ofa Dewes - Section of Pacific Health, Dr Grant Searchfield - Section of Audiology, Dr David Welch - Section of Audiology, Dr Daniel Exeter - Section of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Ms Louise Carroll - National Foundation for the Deaf.

This symposium is intended for people working in the Hearing Sector, Otolaryngologists, Community Health Workers and anyone with an interest in Hearing Health Issues in New Zealand.

There will be a charge of \$50 per attendee at the Symposium. Registrations are now open and further information is available on our website:
<http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/soph/depts/audiology/ofhec.aspx>

The whole day of the Symposium will be worth 5 CEPs.

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