



**GUARDIANS
OF THE VEINS**
IVNNZ CONFERENCE 2026

GUARDIANS OF THE VEINS CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TENTATIVE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCTOBER 2026 | Christchurch



THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER | PRE-CONFERENCE FORUM

09.30 - 16.30

Pre-conference IVNNZ Inc Specialist Forum & AGM

Challenging Vascular Access: Enhancing confidence with difficult IV access

Full forum programme coming soon.

To register – info@ivnnz.co.nz

IVNNZ Individual and Corporate Members
Complimentary Registration

Non-IVNNZ Member
\$100

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER | DAY 1

07.45 - 10.00

Conference Registration Desk open

08.30 - 08.45

Mihi Whakatau/Welcome

08.45 - 09.00

IVNNZ Inc. President - Tracey Kunac

SESSION 1 - IVNNZ INC. PRESIDENT: TRACEY KUNAC

09.00 - 09.30

Opening Address

The History of IVNNZ 1993 – 2026

‘Haere taka mua, taka muri, kaua e whai.’

Go in front, not behind, do not follow

Elizabeth Culverwell, Life Member IVNNZ

09.30 - 10.15

Invited Speaker

Topic - TBA

Dr Wayne Collecutt, Interventional Radiologist, Christchurch Hospital



10.15 - 10.20

Questions

10.20 - 10.50

Morning Tea and Trade Displays

SESSION 2 - CHAIRPERSON: MICHELLE CASEY

11.00 - 11.30

Invited Speaker

Care Without Judgement: A Peer-Nurse Conversation on Harm Reduction and Safer Care

Vanessa Watson Love & Tara Lines, Rodger Wright Harm Reduction Service

11.30 - 11.55

Submitted Paper

Anatomical Variation in Midline Catheter Insertion Site, Tip Position and Clinical Implications: A Scoping Review

Cat O'Brien

11.55 - 12.20

Submitted Paper

Implementing the Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) high risk infection prevention bundle

Derek Smith

12.20 - 12.30

Question & Discussion

12.30 - 13.30

Lunch and Trade Displays

SESSION 3 - CHAIRPERSON: LINU VARGHESE

13.30 - 14.00

Invited Speaker

Topic TBA

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Mark Eastmond – Patient experience

14.00 - 14.25

Submitted Paper

Impact of Vascular Access Specialists on Clinical Outcomes: A Randomised Controlled Trial

Nicole Marsh

14.25 - 14.50

Submitted Paper

A pilot randomised controlled trial to assess first-time insertion success of short, bevelled versus standard peripheral intravenous catheters

India Pearce

Question & Discussion

14.50 - 14.55

Afternoon Tea and Trade Displays

14.55 - 15.25

SESSION 4 - CHAIRPERSON: FREDERICK LAJARA

15.25 - 15.55

Invited Speaker

Cannula believe we do this in the community? IV Nursing@ Nurse Maude District Nursing

Nicky Rough, Nurse Maude Infusion Centre

15.55 - 16.20

Submitted Paper

STOP Matrix implementation at Middlemore Hospital.

Heidi Hall

16.20 - 16.45

Submitted Paper

The 'probelem' with probe cleaning: Building the case for safer ultrasound-guided vascular access

Rebecca Oskam-Schmidt

17.10 - 17.20

Question & Discussion

17.20 - 18.30

Cocktails & Trade Displays



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER | DAY 2

BREAKFAST SESSION - CHAIRPERSON: ELIZABETH CULVERWELL

07.30 - 09.00

Registration desk open

08.00 - 08.30

Continental and/or Cooked Breakfast Buffet - Sponsored by BD

08.30 - 09.00

Guest Speaker

TBA

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09.00 - 09.30

IVNNZ 2026 Scholarship Recipient

WoCoVa 2026 Conference feedback

DR Sarah Berger

09.30 - 10.00

Trade displays (while tables cleared, and room reset.

SESSION 5 - CHAIRPERSON: ETHAN WALKER

10.00 - 10.45

Invited Speaker

Breaking the DIVA Cycle: From Repeated Attempts to Early Escalation

Matty McDonnell, Vascular Access Clinical Nurse Consultant, Nurse Practitioner



10.50 - 11.15

Submitted Paper

Post-insertion care of dialysis catheters in adult intensive care units: An Australian and New Zealand multicentre point prevalence study.

Amanda Corley

11.15 - 11.40

Submitted Paper

Mapping vascular access across the hospital: results of a rolling point prevalence audit

Cat O'Brien

11.40 - 11.50

Questions

11.50 - 12.25

Lunch & Trade Displays

SESSION 6 - CHAIRPERSON: BRANDON CHIA

12.30 - 12.55

Submitted Paper

Compromised central venous access and device selection for therapeutic plasma exchange - A case report.

Miriam Morris

12.55 - 13.20

Submitted Paper

A Haemostatic Solution to Early PICC Dressing Complications: A Multi-site Randomised Controlled Trial

Nicole Marsh

13.20 - 13.30

Questions

13.30 - 14.10

Closing Speaker

Topic TBA

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Dr Kathryn Foster, Intensive Care Unit, Christchurch Hospital

13.20 - 13.30

Questions

14.15 - 15.00

Presentation of Awards and Prizes

Presentation of Trade Prize

Introduction of IVNNZ Inc.

Executive Committee 2026-2028

Evaluations

Closing

Where Knowledge Flows Into Practice