

Palliative Care Lecture Series 2026



Date/Time 7:30-8:30am	Presentation	Presenters
Thursday 5 th February	End of life care needs for people with Motor Neurone Disease	Dr Natalie Gauld ONZM MPharm PhD FPS, Principal Investigator of the MND Insight Research, Research Advisor Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand, Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, The University of Auckland
Thursday 5 th March	Place of Death in Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder: Insights into Mental Health Care and Inequality	Dr Ruth Cunningham Research Associate Professor, Public Health Physician, Director of the EleMent research group, University of Otago
Thursday 2 nd April	Rehabilitation in Palliative Care	Hospice West Auckland Rehabilitation Team
Thursday 7 th May	Polypharmacy and deprescribing in palliative care	Denise Hewitt (Clinical Pharmacist) & Kate Bird (Nurse Practitioner) Arohanui Hospice
Thursday 4 th June	Cultural significance of food & nutrition in Palliative Care	Professor Lisa Te Morenga Professor of Māori Health and Nutrition Massey University
Thursday 2 July	Holding the Space Between: How End of Life Doulas Complement Palliative Care	Sarah Campbell-Simpson End of Life Doula, Sanctuary NZ Gaylene Delayne End of Life Doula, Embrace Life
Thursday 6 August	The Big Questions – Opening Up Conversations about Life and Death Ngā Pātai Nunui – Te tūhura I ngā kōrero mō te ora me te mate	Denise van Aalst Kōwhai Coordinator @ Otago Hospice
Thursday 3 September	Te Whare Kaiao A new Māori framework for children's palliative care aims to keep the child in view	Dr Tess Moeke-Maxwell Senior Research Fellow (nursing) University of Auckland Dr Gemma Aburn Senior lecturer, University of Auckland

Thursday 1 October	National Palliative Care Work Programme	<p>Jo Hathaway Senior Advisor - Palliative Care, Health NZ</p> <p>Stephanie Reid Program Manager - Palliative Care, Health NZ</p>
Thursday 5 November	AI in Healthcare: What Palliative Care Clinicians Need to Know	<p>Dr Rosie Dobson Associate Professor – (Epidemiology & Biostatistics), University of Auckland</p>
Thursday 3 December	Ketamine use in Palliative Care	<p>Dr Lana Ferguson Medical director & Palliative medical specialist, Hospice Waikato</p>