

## 2024 CSANZ New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting

Following a welcome from representatives of local iwi, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, New Zealand Cardiac Society Chair Dr Selwyn Wong welcomed a strong delegation of over 435 members and guests to the opening of the 2024 ASM at the beautiful new Te Pae Convention Centre in Christchurch. The theme of the meeting was 'Reconnecting in Ōtautahi Christchurch' and the organising committee was led by Dr Christina Chan from Christchurch Hospital.

After the opening ceremony, NZ Chair Dr Selwyn Wong was delighted to award the NZ Cardiac Medal to [Professor Mark Richards](#). The medal is awarded to a member of the Cardiac Society who has made an outstanding contribution by making heart care better for New Zealanders.

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##### Young Investigator Award Winner



Sam Gibbs from the Christchurch Heart Institute for:  
*Epigenetic measures of 'biological ageing' associated with cardiovascular risk in non-Pacific populations do not predict cardiovascular risk in a cohort of Samoans, Tongans, and Fijians living in Aotearoa New Zealand*

##### Nursing Investigator Award Winner



Melinda Copley from Auckland City Hospital, Te Toki Tumai for:

*Implementation of an Accelerated Treatment Pathway for Patients with Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction/*

## Allied Health Investigator Award Winner



Jaya Montecillo from University of Otago for:

*Removal of Glycosylation Improves Performance of Soluble Urokinase Plasminogen Activator Receptor (suPAR) Levels for Acute Decompensated Heart Failure Diagnosis*

## 2024 poster prize winners

### Basic Research/Structural and Valvular Disease

Dr Liam Gilheany–Black

*The Te Kūiti Access to Cardiology Pilot Study (TKACPS) – Preliminary data suggests effective screening protocol, identifying people requiring cardiology follow-up or referral in a high-proportion Māori general practice population*

### Coronary artery disease

Dr Michael Dick

*A descriptive analysis of intravascular imaging practices during percutaneous coronary intervention amongst non-ACS patients in New Zealand*

### Rehabilitation & Prevention/Imaging

Dr Vindhya Wilson

*Computer Tomographic Predictors of Pacemaker Requirement Following Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation*

All abstracts from the meeting are available in the June 2024 issue of [Heart Lung and Circulation here.](#)

The NZ Division of the Cardiac Society would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the overseas invited speakers Professors Clara Chow, Patricia Davidson, Lee Nedkoff and David Newby for enriching our meeting with their expertise and experience.

Planning is already underway for the next NZ meeting of the Society in Rotorua, 23-25 May 2025. Pop it in your calendar and make a week of it in a geothermal landscape with a rich Maori culture <https://www.rotoruanz.com/>