

NANOS 2026 Annual Conference, 16th – 17th of May, 2026

Venue: Bryant Education Centre Auditorium, Waikato Hospital

Day 1 (16th of May 2026)

Time	Topic	Title	Speaker
9:00 – 09:50	Registration and morning tea		
09:50 – 10:10 am	Welcome (Whakatau)		Organisers
10:10 – 12:10 pm	Session 1: Paediatric Neuro-oncology		
10:20 – 10:35 am	Surgery		Dr Peter Heppner
10:35 – 10:50 am	Pathology		Dr Mike Watson
10:50 – 11:05 am	Radiology		Dr Ben Moon
11:05 – 11:20 am	Medical Oncology		Dr Karen Tsui
11:20 – 11:50 pm	Keynote 1 Evolving landscape of diagnostic and management paradigms in paediatric neuro oncology		Dr Rakesh Jalali
11:50 - 12.15pm	Panel Discussion: Medulloblastoma		
12:15 - 12:20pm	<i>Sponsor presentation: SERVIER</i>		
12:15 – 1:00pm	LUNCH		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Session 2: Neurorehabilitation and Quality of Life		
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Neuro-Rehabilitation: Case presentation		Dr Siva Govender and team
1:45 – 2.15 pm	Waikato Brain Tumour Psychosocial Support Pathways		Ron Dick Marie Townsend
2.15 – 2:30 pm	Intensive Multimodal Ketogenic Metabolic Therapy in Glioblastoma: A Clinical Trial		Dr Matthew Phillips
2:30 – 3.00 pm	Keynote 2 Quality of life in CNS patients: Indian/LMIC experience		Dr Rakesh Jalali
3:00 – 3:05pm	<i>Sponsor presentation : ELEKTA</i>		
3:05 – 3:30 pm	Afternoon tea		
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Session 3: Selected abstracts and short presentations		
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Synergising Chemical Design and Pharmaceutical Science Strategy for Targeted Delivery to Brain		Dr Jiney Jose Dr Manisha Sharma

3:45 – 4:00 pm	Early Neuro-oncology CNS intervention transforms patient experiences & clinical outcomes	Rebecca Lissiman
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Interim evaluation of FET-PET in the Targeting the Renin-Angiotensin System in Glioblastoma (TRAS-GB) Trial	Dorothy Lombe
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Meningiomas: Are They Really That Benign? The Impact of Copy Number Change on Patients at Waikato Neurosurgery	Aidan Cousins
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Polymeric Micelles for Targeted Delivery of Novel Conjugates for Glioblastoma Therapy	Puja Timilsina
	Standing strong together: Improving the care of patients with a brain tumour in Aotearoa New Zealand	Caroline Woon
	Understanding mechanisms of chemoradiation resistance utilising patient-derived 3D neurospheres	Jasmine White
	AI Unlocks Full-Methylome Meningioma Subtyping Through Integration of Neglected Sex Chromosome Signals	Naima Noor
	Development of a 3-dimensional Co-culture Model to Investigate the Role of Stromal Heterogeneity in Glioblastoma	Mia Kibiki
5:00 – 5:05pm	<i>Sponsor presentation : GMRI</i>	
5:05 – 5:20pm	NANOS UPDATE	Catherine Han Thomas Park
5:20 – 6:00 pm	NANOS AGM	
7:00 – late	Conference Gala Dinner (THE BANK)	

Day 2 (17th of May 2026)

Time	Topic	Title	Speaker
8:30 – 10:00 am	Session 4		
8:30 – 9:10 am	Keynote 3 Long term data for high-precision RT and emerging role of proton therapy in challenging CNS tumours		Dr R Jalali
9:10 – 9:15 am	<i>Sponsor presentation : Siemens Healthineers</i>		
9:15 – 9:30 am	Navigating the patient pathway		Lee- Ann Creagh
9:30 – 10:00 am	Te Mana o te Awa – The Power of the River		Ellyn Proffit
10:00 – 10:05 am	<i>Sponsor presentation: DECODE Science</i>		
10:05 – 10:30 am	Morning tea		
10:30 – 12:30 pm	<i>BTSNZ session: Patient and caregivers meeting (All delegates welcome)</i>		
12.30- 1.15pm	LUNCH		
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Session 5: Meningioma		
1.15 – 1:30 pm	Surgery		Dr T Muthu & Team
1:30 – 1:45 pm	Pathology		Dr F Ziad & Daniel Ng
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Radiation Therapy		Dr M James
2.00 – 2:30 pm	Panel discussion: Meningioma		
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Conference Closing		co-chairs