

ASMS 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday-Friday, 29-30 November 2018

Speaker bios



Hon Dr David Clark
Minister of Health

David Clark was first elected as the Labour MP for Dunedin North in 2011. He came to Parliament via a circuitous route – having run a University of Otago residential College, worked as a Presbyterian Minister, and as a Treasury analyst. He became the Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Finance following the 2017 general election.

One of the key reasons he stood for Parliament was because he was concerned about the growing gap between rich and poor, which he sees as limiting New Zealand's social and economic potential. Inequality featured strongly in his maiden address to the House of Representatives in 2012. He believes we can and must achieve a fairer society where everyone has an opportunity to succeed.

Jibi Kunnethedam
President, New Zealand Medical Students Association

Jibi Kunnethedam has just completed his fifth year in the new University of Auckland Taranaki Regional/Rural programme and will be embarking on his final year in Rotorua for 2019.

He is an undergraduate student originally from Oamaru who has served on the NZMSA executive since 2015.



Professor Geoff Dobb
Federal President, Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation

Prof Geoff Dobb trained in medicine, anaesthesia and intensive care. He is Head of Intensive Care at Royal Perth Hospital, Deputy Chair of the Child and Adolescent Health Service (WA) and a Board member of the Australian Council on healthcare Standards.

He is the President of the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation and president of ASMOF(WA). He has been Australian Medical Association Vice-President, AMA(WA) President, President of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society and President of the Asia Pacific Association for Critical Care Medicine.

He has a long standing interest in organ and tissue donation and has been Chair of the ANZICS working group on death and organ donation and Chair of the DonatLife Advisory Council.



**Dr David Galler,
Intensivist, Counties Manukau DHB**

Dr David Galler was the clinical lead at Ko Awatea and programme Chair of the annual APAC Forum. He is an intensive care specialist at Middlemore Hospital, where he has worked for 28 years. He has been a visiting specialist to the National Health Service of Samoa, and is engaged by the Pacific Health Unit of Counties Manukau DHB to advise on the development of people and health services in the Pacific. He is co-founder of a small group responsible for a 21% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from his own organisation and works with others reduce health care's carbon footprint.

He has held a variety of leadership roles over the years, and is a former ASMS Vice-President and President. For seven years he was the Principal Medical Advisor to the Director General and Ministers of Health.



**Dr Rob Burrell
Anaesthetist, Counties Manukau DHB**

Dr Rob Burrell is an anaesthetist at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland, where he has worked for his entire post-fellowship career. He chaired the Auckland Region Anaesthesia training committee for four years and has been a member of his DHB's sustainability group for a number of years. He co-authored the ANZCA position statement and background paper on climate change.



**Dr Ashley Bloomfield:
Director-General of Health**

Dr Bloomfield qualified in medicine at the University of Auckland in 1990 and after several years of clinical work specialised in public health medicine. His particular area of professional interest is non-communicable disease prevention and control, and he spent 2011 at the World Health Organization in Geneva working on this topic at a global level.

Dr Bloomfield was Chief Executive at Hutt Valley District Health Board from 2015 to 2018. Prior to that, he held a number of senior leadership roles within the Ministry of Health.



**Sean O'Sullivan
Panel lawyer, MPS**

Sean O'Sullivan is a partner with the Healthcare team in the law firm DLA Piper and is based in its Wellington Office. He has over 30 years' experience in the practice of law.

DLA Piper is retained by the Medical Protection Society as its panel law firm, and in conjunction with its own medical legal advisers and a panel of experienced barristers, assists members of the Medical Protection Society on a wider range of medico-legal issues.

Sean O'Sullivan has experience assisting practitioners through the HDC complaints and the Medical Council processes. He has appeared as counsel in all levels of courts up to and including the Supreme Court, as well as numerous appearances before Tribunals. He has also appeared before the Coronial Courts throughout New Zealand.





Dr Zarko Kamenica
Head of Advisory Services, MPS

Dr Zarko Kamenica is a psychiatrist and has lived in New Zealand since 1995. He holds a Master of Law degree in Medical Law. He is a former Clinical Director and Director of Area Mental Health for Wairarapa and has been with MPS since 2013. Zarko currently heads the Professional Services department at MPS, managing a team of medical and dentolegal advisers across New Zealand and Australia.

Dame Margaret Sparrow
Doctor, advocate for reproductive rights, author

Dame Margaret Sparrow is a long-time advocate for reproductive rights and a leading sexual health physician. She worked in Family Planning for 34 years and was a venereologist for 28 years. For 17 years, she was an abortionist at Parkview Clinic, Wellington Hospital.

She is now retired and is a director of Istar Ltd, a not-for-profit company which imports Mifegyne (mifepristone) into New Zealand for medical abortion.

She has published three books on the history of abortion in New Zealand, and was an inaugural Trust Board member of the Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand. She has two adult children and three grand-daughters.

