

SEMINAR INVITATION

Audiologic management of listening related challenges in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

About the seminar:

This seminar will be focusing on verbal school-aged children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

It has been well established that children with ASD have greater difficulties processing speech in the presence of background noise compared to their peers. Research has shown that wireless communication systems deliver an improved auditory signal to the ear and in doing so, significantly improve listening skills and communication.

The seminar explores the management options currently available for children with ASD to use in their classroom, social and home settings.

The workshop comprises summaries of papers and articles, small group discussion, and testimonials.



Who should attend?

The afternoon session of this seminar is aimed at Speech Pathologists, Paediatricians and other health professionals who work closely with children with ASD and are interested in learning more about the audiologic implications and management options available

The evening session will include families – more informal and practical information about Roger devices.

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Monday 3rd December, 2018

Venue University of Auckland
Level 1 / 261 Morrin Road
St Johns, Auckland 1072

Time Arrival and registration: 2:30 – 3:00pm
Registration is in:
Atrium Outside Room 732.220
Afternoon session: 3:00pm – 7:00pm.
Evening session: 7:05pm – 9:30pm

Cost No charge

The afternoon session is primarily for industry professionals. The evening session is primarily designed for families, however attendance is welcomed at either or both sessions.

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Association Endorsement Points



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Agenda:

Time	Activity
Professional Sessions	
2:30 - 3:00pm	Registration and coffee
3:00 - 3:10pm	Welcome address
3:10 - 3:55pm	Dr Bill Keith
3:55 - 4:40pm	Liz Fairgray
4:40 - 5:25pm	Dr Gary Rance
5:25 - 5:45pm	Coffee break
5:45 - 6:20pm	Philippa James
6:20 - 7:00pm	Dr Suzanne Purdy
7:00 - 7:05pm	Close of professional session
Family Evening	
7:05 - 7:40pm	Dinner
7:40 - 7:50pm	Welcome address
7:50 - 8:20pm	Dr Bill Keith
8:20 - 8:50pm	Philippa James
8:50 - 9:30pm	Market Place
9:30pm	Close of evening session

Keynote Speakers:



Dr Bill Keith

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Dr Bill Keith has been involved in developing hearing services in New Zealand throughout his career. He currently chairs the Northern Cochlear Implant programme, is on the Board of the Hearing Association, and runs SoundSkills, a specialist multi-disciplinary APD clinic which he has established to model the development of improved APD services. He is engaged in APD research and is an Honorary Academic and research fellow in the Discipline of Speech Science in the School of Psychology, and the Centre for Brain Research, at the University of Auckland. Bill was the recipient of the 2011 American Academy of Audiology International Award in Hearing.

Dr Suzanne Purdy



PhD, MSc, DipAud, MNZAS, FAAA, MAudSA, MNZSTA

Professor Suzanne Purdy is Head of School of Psychology at the University of Auckland and Principal Investigator in the University of Auckland Centre for Brain Research (CBR) and the Brain Research New Zealand Centre of Research Excellence. Previously she was head of the Discipline Speech Science. Her academic background is in psychology, audiology and speech science and her research interests are in the areas of communication disorders, auditory processing, hearing and neurological conditions. Current research activities include population studies of hearing and auditory processing, and investigations of sensory function in adults with mild cognitive impairment, cognition and speech perception in people who use cochlear implants, diagnosis and treatment of auditory processing disorder, and language, prosody perception and auditory processing in children with high functioning autism spectrum disorder.



Dr Gary Rance

Gary Rance is an audiologist, clinical researcher and Professor at the University of Melbourne where he is Director of Academic Programs for the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology and Director of the Centre for Auditory Neuroscience. His research areas have included auditory evoked potentials, cochlear implants in children, and the perceptual effects of both permanent and transient hearing loss. He has also been a leader in the field of auditory neuropathy (AN) and was responsible for the first publications to describe this form of hearing abnormality in newborn babies.



Liz Fairgray

Liz Fairgray is a Speech-Language Therapist with thirty years clinical experience, working with children who have communication difficulties often due to disorders such as autistic spectrum disorder and hearing loss, etc. Liz obtained her MSc in Speech Pathology & Audiology in California and spent an additional three years working in the San Francisco Bay Area, before returning to New Zealand. She was the first New Zealander to become a Cert Auditory Verbal Therapist. Liz was the Founding Therapist for The Hearing House, centre for oral communication in children with hearing loss. During the past eleven years Liz has had a dual role at The University of Auckland, delivering therapy interventions to children in The Listening & Language Clinic and also providing lectures and clinical practicums to the students in the Master of Speech Language Therapy programme in the Faculty of Science. Liz works with children using a parent & family centred approach. The philosophy underpinning her therapy is to coach & provide parents with as much information as possible, and demonstrate practical activities providing stage appropriate language, and interaction. Evidence based practices are used and applied as the child's skills improve over time. Liz has a particular interest in working with children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and applying therapy interventions which are similar to the ones used with children with significant hearing loss. She has published a number of papers regarding children with hearing loss and was a keynote speaker at the NZ Audiological Society Conference in Wellington last year. Liz is also a part of "Minds for Minds" who focus on interventions with children on the autistic spectrum and a NZ Speech-Language Therapists' Assn Expert Advisor for Child Hearing Loss.



Philippa James

Department of Audiology, University of Melbourne
Philippa James is working within the Global pediatric team, and with the Sonova HQ Science & Technology team, to develop a clinical model for the audiologic management of children with autism. Her prior work history includes hearing aid fitting and counselling, and auditory processing assessment and management. She earned a MClinaud in 2012 from the University of Melbourne and an Au.D. from the University of Florida in 2017.

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