



The three P's - Precision. Partnership. Performance

The biggest dental event of 2026!

The New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA), New Zealand Oral Health Association (NZOHA), and New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists (NZIDT) are joining forces to deliver the **New Zealand Dental Congress 2026**.

Congress will kick off with an opening session bringing everyone together, followed by each association presenting its own tailored scientific programme, with select open sessions to foster collaboration. The shared industry expo will be a buzzing hub of activity, connection and energy.

Expect inspiring sessions, hands-on learning, networking opportunities, and a vibrant social programme that keeps wellbeing front of mind.

The event will take place from 27 - 29 August 2026 at the brand-new New Zealand International Convention Centre in Auckland. Registration will open on 16 March, so don't miss your chance to be part of the action!

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Thursday, 27 August 2026

Workshops

**Mr John Batchelor and Mr Tristan Pattinson - Ivoclar 3Shape
Trios for prosthetics – Trios and 3Shape**

**Mr John Kim Neo Dental Medit Workshop and Neo Dental
Introduction to Intraoral Scanning: A Practical Guide for Beginners**

5.00 PM to 6.30 PM - Presidents' Shout

The 'President's Shout' is the informal welcome to our congress, where everyone comes together for drinks and a catch-up. This gathering provides the perfect opportunity to survey the trade area, network, and make plans for the coming congress.

Meet after the Presents Shout, we will also have some recommendations and discount vouchers for local restaurants, where you can continue your conversations and grab some food. (The restaurant will have limited capacity, so a first-in policy)

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DAY 1 - Friday, 28 August 2026

7:30-8:30 AM - Registration and Welcome Coffee
(Location: Exhibition Hall open)

8:30 - 9:00 AM - Congress Opening and Mihi Whakatau

9:00 -10:00 AM - Wellness Session **(Combined Session)**

The Laurie Croxson Memorial Lecture – Ms Kristy von Minden
(Sponsored by MAS)

10:00 - 11:00 AM - Break & Exhibition

11:00-11:05 AM - NZIDT President welcome

Session 1: The Modern Prosthetic Landscape

11:05 -12:40 AM - Dr Nitish Surathu & Dr Neeraj Surathu **(Open Session)**

Digital workflows in full and partial dentures, implant overdentures and when to merge analogue and digital workflows together to get the best results.

12:40 -1:30 PM – Ms Akruti Tataria **(Open Session)**

AI That Connects Clinic and Lab: Technical Capabilities using AI within the 3Shape Ecosystem. **(sponsored by [3Shape](#))**

1:30 - 2.30 PM - Networking Lunch

Session 2: Delivering what patients need

2:30 - 3:15 PM - Assoc Prof John Aarts

From 'No Thanks' to 'Yes!': Understanding Denture Patient Priorities to Improve Case Acceptance

3:15 - 3.40 PM - Otago University Student

The clinical approach to designing a partial denture

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3:45 - 5.00 PM - NZIDT Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Venue: Conference Room 2, NZICC

7:00 PM - Congress Dinner & Networking Event

Theme: "Bright Smiles, Shared Stories"

Music and prize draw

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DAY 2- Saturday, 29 August 2026

8:30 - 9:00 AM - **Trade Exhibition Open**

Session 3: New Challenges and Opportunities

9:00 -10:00 AM - Dr Andrew Cautley (Open Session)

Implants or a denture? Current thinking in the partially dentate and the full denture patient. *(Sponsored by Ivoclar)*

10:00 - 11:00 AM - Dr Michael Rutledge (Open Session)

Simplifying Temporomandibular Disorders

11:00 -12:00 AM - Break & Exhibition

Session 4: Treatment and Management of Patients

12:00 -1:00 PM - Dr Frauke Muller - Geneva (Joint Session)

Prosthetic Treatment Concepts for Old and very Old Patients

1:10 - 1:50 PM - Michael Williams

Maxillofacial - overview of maxillofacial prosthetics incorporating 3D technology and virtual surgical planning. *(supported by Dentsply)*

1:50 - 2.50 PM - Networking Lunch

Session 5: The Changing Landscape

2:50 - 3.50 PM - Assoc Prof. Dr Joanne Choi

From Print to Patient: Getting 3D-Printing Post-Processing and Safety Right

4:00 - 5.00 PM -The full team approach to treatment - The Panel

Panel discussion with all three Associations

(Combined Session)

5.00 pm Congress closing comments from NZIDT president

5.00 PM - Post-congress Debrief

The ultimate finale of our congress is where everyone comes together for canapes and lively conversations. It's a celebration of the knowledge shared and connections made throughout the event. This gathering provides the perfect opportunity to unwind, network, and toast to the success of the congress.

Booth passport draw, you need to be there to win!