




## SYMPOSIUM


Friday 13th September 2019  
School of Population Health, Auckland

# IMPROVING SCABIES TREATMENT: A PATH TO HEALTH EQUITY IN NEW ZEALAND?

	<b>Keynote Speaker: Dr Daniel Engelman</b> from the Centre for International Child Health at the University of Melbourne  Best practice in the diagnosis of Scabies, we will hear from Melbourne Paediatrician Dr Daniel Engelman who has studied the disease extensively in the Pacific.		
	<b>Professor Michael Baker</b> Department of Public Health University of Otago <i>Skin infections and Rheumatic Fever</i>	<b>Dr Simon Thornley</b> Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of Auckland <i>Scabies and Rheumatic Fever</i>	

Scabies has been left off the public health and research radar in New Zealand for some time. Yet in Australia and the Pacific, links between scabies, impetigo, kidney disease and bacterial skin infection have been widely known and explored. Scabies and rheumatic fever are strongly linked in Auckland children. Prescribing data and small clinical studies suggest scabies is common in New Zealand and the diagnosis is frequently missed.

### This symposium will explore the issue of scabies in New Zealand.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How common is scabies?</li><li>• How can we improve the diagnosis?</li><li>• What do we know of the biology of the disease?</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why should it be taken seriously?</li><li>• How can treatment be improved?</li><li>• Should scabies be considered as a disease of public health importance?</li></ul>
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### Speakers:

**Dr John Malcolm**, Paediatrician, Whakatane Hospital  
**Dr Matire Harwood**, Māori GP and academic. Ngāpuhi with whakapapa connections to Ngāti Rangī.  
**Dr Gerhard Sundborn**, Pasifika academic, University of Auckland.

The meeting will be relevant to nurses, GPs, paediatricians, public health professionals, public health researchers, scientists and any others interested in this disease.

**DATE:** Friday 13th September  
**VENUE:** School of Population Health, 261 Morrin Rd, Auckland  
**TIME:** 9am – 4pm  
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