



Medical Advisory Panel Report for Annual General Meeting of
Coeliac New Zealand Incorporated 26 June 2021.

2020 – 2021 has been a busy year for the Coeliac New Zealand Medical Advisory Panel. Since re-establishing the group in 2019, and updating its Terms of Reference and key objectives, the MAP have been active supporting a number of Coeliac New Zealand initiatives, advocating for Coeliac Disease and its patients, promoting awareness during Coeliac Awareness Week, and working on a number of MAP projects.

The MAP is chaired by Professor Andrew Day (paediatric gastroenterologist) and includes Dr Kamran Rostami (consultant physician and gastroenterologist), Dr Kristin Kenrick (Senior Lecturer in Dept of GP and Rural Health), Sylvia North (NZ registered dietitian and integrative nutritionist), and NZ registered dietitians Prof Clare Wall PhD, Anna Richards, Margaret Thorsen and Julie Leeper.

CNZ reintroduced the role of Patron in 2020. A Patron's role is primarily to support CNZ's mission and programs, and in so doing, enhance the credibility of CNZ, augment its fundraising capacity, and provide insights, experiences, and networks. These positions were awarded to the following two medical professionals who have contributed significantly to CD and CNZ over previous years:

- Professor Bob Anderson is a NZ trained gastroenterologist and been working in CD vaccine development in US and Europe. He is now based in Australia.
- Dr Simon Chin has recently retired from clinical practice and so has stepped down from the MAP group and has accepted a role as Patron.

We have been pleased to welcome two new members to the MAP this year. They are:

- Dr Richard Steele with a background in clinical immunology, who brings another area of expertise to the MAP. Dr Steele has a particular interest in autoimmune disease including coeliac disease, diagnosis of CD and quality assurance. He has extensive experience in laboratory services both here and in Australia and currently involved in a significant number of tertiary, community, and hospital-based laboratories across New Zealand. He is currently the Medical Director of Wellington's Southern Community Laboratories.
- Simon's retirement from MAP left a vacancy for a paediatric gastroenterologist and we were delighted to have Dr Jonathan Bishop (MB ChB 1995 Edin; MRCPCH 1999; CCT (UK) Paeds 2008; FRACP 2013) join the MAP group this year. Jon completed undergraduate and postgraduate paediatric gastroenterology training in the UK before undertaking a six-month Fellow post in Starship Children's Hospital in 2007. He returned to the UK to work as a consultant post in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow between 2008 and 2011 before the lure of the Southern hemisphere proved too strong and he returned to Starship as a Consultant Paediatric

Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist. His professional interests include coeliac disease, inflammatory bowel disease and cystic fibrosis liver disease.

The work on the standards of care project started in 2019 and a huge amount of work by the MAP group lead by Meg Thorsen has seen this progress well (despite limited resources and funding). This work will support Dietitians managing patients with CD and will be launched at our conference later this year.

Through successful Health Promotion planning in 2020, we identified an opportunity for CNZ and its MAP to contribute to the Health Pathways in NZ which provide guidance to GPs and Healthcare Professionals in diagnosing and treating CD. CNZ is now working with Dr Sarah Barnes and Health Pathways NZ has now started work on development of National Clinical Pathway for Coeliac Disease, which is supported by CNZ and MAP group.

Dr Kristin Kenrick is presenting at the two GPCME events for 2021 (the Christchurch and Rotorua), which will help educate GPs on Coeliac Disease. The MAP continue to look at new evidence, review updated guidelines and standards and support the CNZ staff. We thank the group for its ongoing commitment and support and look forward to continuing this important relationship over the coming year especially providing input to our CNZ Conference in November.

Andrew Day
Chair of Medical Advisory Panel

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Board Liaison with Medical Advisory Panel