

Media Release – SFT-16 Conference

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Australasian Telehealth Society to hold conference at biggest digital health event in New Zealand

The [Australasian Telehealth Society](#) in association with The University of Queensland's [Centre for Online Health](#) (COH) will hold their annual conference, [Successes & Failures in Telehealth](#) (SFT-16), as part of [New Zealand's largest digital health conference](#), attracting over 1000 delegates in the fields of telehealth and health informatics.

Running at the SKYCITY Convention Centre in Auckland, New Zealand, from 31 Oct to 3 Nov 2016, the combined event will host four exciting conferences, including the 2016 Successes and Failures in Telehealth (SFT-16), Health Informatics New Zealand (HiNZ 2016), Global Telehealth 2016 (GT 2016), and the New Zealand Nursing Informatics Conference (NZNIC-16). Delegates register once and are eligible to attend any session across the four conferences on the day(s) they've registered for.

"Combining four prestigious events will give more than 1000 delegates the opportunity to learn and share their experiences in one convenient location", says ATHS President, Jackie Plunkett.

Since 2001, the SFT conferences have provided a unique forum which explores both successes and failures in telehealth. The conference attracts prominent national and international speakers and delegates worldwide.

This year's SFT program will offer more than 100 presentations in a variety of formats, including academic paper presentations, clinicians' case studies, telehealth panel discussions and poster presentations. SFT keynote speakers will discuss: the organisational challenges of telehealth (Dr Monrad Aas, Norway), the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine Program (Prof Chris Bladin, Australia); and selected telehealth initiatives in New Zealand (Dr Ruth Large, Andrew Slater and Dr Ben Wheeler).

"We've had an excellent response to our call for papers and encouragingly, there is an extensive range of clinical telehealth services reported in the program", says COH Deputy Director and SFT Program Chair, Dr Anthony Smith. "Telehealth delivery in a variety of settings, using a range of different methods, for patients of all ages - will be the subject of the 3-day conference". "In addition, a selection of papers accepted for the SFT-16 conference will be published in the November issue of the *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare*", says Dr Smith.

The scientific program will be positioned alongside an impressive trade show featuring the latest products and services in the telehealth domain. Delegates will also have the opportunity to engage with researchers from the [NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence \(CRE\) in Telehealth](#).

SFT-16 is an ideal conference for academics, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, government representatives, policy advisers, managers and technicians. This will also be the 7th annual meeting of the Australasian Telehealth Society.

The [Australasian Telehealth Society](#) will launch their new website on 12 September 2016. This website contains an up to date listing of telehealth resources in Australia and New Zealand and if you join the ATHS membership you will be subscribed to the This Week in Telehealth newsletter. Please visit aths.org.au for membership information.

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