



ADVOCACY, EDUCATION & AWARENESS

We positively impact New Zealand via collaboration with clinicians and treatment manufacturers while also encouraging policy & legislative change to allow funded treatment drugs for suffering patients. A support network for patients and families.

New Zealand Amyloidosis Patients Association

We Are Better Together



ABOUT NZAPA

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Starting in 2019, our patient association charity acts as the bridge between expert entities overseas and patients with the disease in New Zealand. We also identify and connect individuals 'in the same boat' to offer support to both diagnosed sufferers and their caregivers. By banding together using one voice, we are likely to be heard and push for accessibility to treatment drugs presently only available overseas.

More importantly, we want accurate and early diagnosis by doctors.





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CEO



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THE NZAPA TEAM

Jaime comes from a Communication & Psychology background spending many years in not-for-profit counselling service. She also worked in the social media digital space before transitioning as a caregiver to her spouse that had HATTR amyloidosis.

Melinda comes from a Corporate Finance & Advisory background. Personally, she lost her dad and many family members to HATTR amyloidosis.

Aubrey had a variety of experience in the Information Technology & Management space. A sufferer of HATTR, he was pivotal to the conception of NZAPA and acted as the board trustee member as well as a strong advocate for patients & caregivers. He is remembered posthumously.

Lewis comes from a Medical background and served as a General Practitioner for many years before being diagnosed with TTR Wild Type. He is a strong proponent for palliative care & advises us on all things medical.

OUR SERVICE



Patient organization's advocacy on behalf of the afflicted is especially crucial for rare diseases since the nature of the unique conditions is not generally known to the broader community and because of the smaller number of those afflicted (compared to the other more well-known ones).



DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

Ensuring provision of appropriate care and support within the HEALTH SYSTEM to sufferers particularly in the area of diagnosis & treatment.



EDUCATION

Highlighting DISEASE FEATURE that are not common to doctors and nurses / *HCP.



AWARENESS

Help amplify the voices of sufferers so as to get the attention of the powers that may be to effect LEGISLATIVE & POLICY change for the better.



WELLBEING

SUPPORT for patients & caregivers who otherwise would not know where to go or who to approach for help.



ADVOCACY

Advocating for medical TREATMENT hampered by red tape and government laws.



*Healthcare Practitioners





AMYLOIDOSIS 2021 CONFERENCE

 DR SIMON GIBBS DIRECTOR OF THE VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN AMYLOIDOSIS SERVICE	 PROF ED GANE CHIEF HEPATOLOGIST, TRANSPLANT PHYSICIAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR NZ LIVER TRANSPLANT UNIT AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL
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 DR ANTONIA CARROLL NEUROLOGIST NEUROPHYSIOLOGIST DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY AND WESTMEAD AMYLOIDOSIS CENTRE	

AND A LINE-UP OF OTHER SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



WEBINAR
23rd Sept 2020, Wed, 20:00 hrs NZT

Amyloidosis; Introduction, Diagnosis & Treatment of Cardiac Amyloidosis



Dr Carol Whelan, Royal Free London



Prof Philip Hawkins, Royal Free London



Prof Ed Gane NZLTU Auckland Hospital



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“Our greatest social responsibility is to
demonstrate to all others how to live in this world
of hunger, sorrow, and injustice with generosity,
dignity, and decency.”
— Chris Ernest Nelson

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