

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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Xaviour is a consultant geriatrician and internal medicine physician and Clinical Chief Advisor to the Ministry of Health. An Otago graduate, he is a past president of both OUMSA and NZMSA. He trained and worked in New Zealand, Australia, and in the United States - Harvard Medical School, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the NIH, University of California, and Kaiser Permanente.

He was cofounder and inaugural chair of the Junior Doctors Network, World Medical Association, and founded the Kiwi Leadership Network USA, a non-profit helping New Zealanders succeed in the U.S.

His research interest includes Pacific Health, healthy ageing and big data. A lifelong athlete and marathon runner, he has completed all seven World Major Marathons multiple times and run the length of New Zealand to promote exercise and support the National Heart Foundation. He spends most of his spare time with his family of 5 boys.

