

PANEL SPEAKERS



*Kia ora! My name's Tristan, and I'm a **PGY6 ICU registrar** at Dunedin Hospital. Prior to medical school, I had a career as an Intensive Care Paramedic with the ambulance service in Auckland, spanning nearly 10 years in a variety of roles within the service.*



Tristan Sames

I was accepted into Auckland medical school as an undergraduate following through the first year biomedical sciences pathway (similar to HSFY in Otago). I really enjoyed medical school and immersed myself in a number of roles at medical school, taking on the AUMSA presidency then the NZMSA president role following that. It was a busy time as we fought the government to extend the student loan cap for our postgraduate medical students at the time.

*Following graduation, I moved South to Dunedin and did my house officer years before starting life as a psychiatry registrar initially in Christchurch then Dunedin. I am now the **Chief registrar for Psychiatry in Southern** and an **advanced trainee in child and adolescent psychiatry**. I've also continued to be involved in aspects of medical education throughout this journey, and am the current Vocational trainee representative for the MCNZ.*

I care about medical education and training and also have roles as the Chair of the Aotearoa Psychiatry Trainees and serve on the Australian Medical Council SEAC standards review working group.

Outside of work, I play football and manage a men's team for the Dunedin City Royals & play cricket in the summer for North East Valley.



Jibi Kunnethedam

Dr Sires Bharathan is an **Adult and Old Age Psychiatrist** from Timaru. He is a New Zealander who was born in Sri Lanka and grew up in the old apartheid South Africa. He is ethnically a Tamil speaking Hindu. Development of people to become competent, caring health care professionals and medical students having good experiences while learning is a passion for Bharathan. Being a Psychiatrist has enabled him to have a life that he considers as fulfilling. At work, he gets involved in treating patients and families that others do not want to see.

Sires Bharathan



*Kia ora, my name is Kodi, and I'm a junior **Orthopaedic Registrar** at Dunedin Hospital. I'm originally from sunny Nelson, and being the first in my family to attend university and pursue a career in medicine, carving out this path has been a pretty special journey mixed with a lot of trial and error!*

Orthopaedics wasn't always on my radar – I'd originally written it off as a bit of a "boys' club," but I just kept getting pulled back in. Turns out, I love the hands-on work, the problem-solving, and the team camaraderie – plus, there's truly never a dull moment!



Kodi Fearnley-Fitzgerald