



Hawke's Bay Special Care Baby Unit presents...
the

NEW ZEALAND NEONATAL SYMPOSIUM "ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL"

Friday, 12 November 2021
NAPIER WAR MEMORIAL CENTRE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The media described 2020 (*ad nauseam*) as unprecedented due to rampage of COVID-19 across the world. This impacted on:

- how we interacted with others,
- lived our lives,
- how we worked,
- who was in our "bubble," and
- navigating the new "normal."

In different ways, COVID-19 impacted us all from a combined:

- fear of the unknown,
- lockdowns,
- changing alert levels,
- economic stresses, and
- living in "bubbles."

Is this an apt analogy to apply to families when neonatal care is required? Did these families need to go into a neonatal lockdown to experience anxiety and fear, daily uncertainty, economic stresses, isolation from home, living alone and being in a different "bubble?"

We know COVID affected many, and it has the potential to increase inequities in health.

- Is this the same for those receiving neonatal care in New Zealand?
- Do we understand the lived experiences of our diverse population enough to provide appropriate support?
- Are we doing enough to address inequities, ensuring resources are spread equitably, so that any negative outcomes do not fall unevenly amongst the diverse population in our neonatal units?



This symposium we look at those experiences, the reality of our neonatal units and if all things are indeed equal?

We want to hear about initiatives that improved the lived experience for all our families or that were targeted as the most in need.

Hawkes Baby Special Care Baby Unit conference committee invite neonatal nurses to submit abstracts for an oral presentation or poster display on topics related to the above.

Closing Date: 30 June 2021