



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

DATE Friday, 19th June 2026
TIME 6:30pm
VENUE: Tieke Golf Estate
72 Lochiel Road, Hamilton

RSVP: by Friday, 12th June 2026
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COST: Members \$75 per person
Guests \$90 per person

SPONSOR: 

Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ): A Practical Update for New Zealand Dental Professionals

MRONJ is an increasingly relevant condition for everyday dental practice in New Zealand. As our population ages and the use of antiresorptive and antiangiogenic medications continues to grow — prescribed for osteoporosis, cancer management, and bone health — the likelihood of encountering at-risk patients in our clinics is higher than ever. A sound understanding of this condition is becoming an important part of routine dental care, sitting comfortably alongside the other medication-related considerations we already manage day to day.

The risk of MRONJ varies considerably depending on the medication, route of administration, dose, and underlying condition being treated. Oral bisphosphonates carry a modest risk, while intravenous therapy in oncology patients carries a meaningfully higher one. Denosumab, now widely prescribed for osteoporosis, has its own distinct risk profile that warrants specific consideration when planning dental treatment. A careful medication history, taken as part of every new patient assessment and updated regularly, goes a long way toward keeping patients safe.

Prevention remains the most powerful tool available, and dentists are ideally placed to make a real difference. Optimising oral health before antiresorptive therapy begins, maintaining good dental hygiene throughout, and thoughtful treatment planning around invasive procedures can significantly reduce the likelihood of MRONJ developing. The 2022 AAOMS position paper and current international guidelines have also brought helpful clarity around staging, surgical versus conservative management, and the nuanced question of medication timing around dental procedures.

This talk aims to bring together the latest evidence and translate it into practical guidance for your daily practice — helping you feel confident in identifying at-risk patients, planning treatment appropriately, having informed conversations with medical colleagues, and knowing when referral to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is the right next step.

Guest Speaker: Satish Madhavarajan

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Dr Satish Madhavarajan is a dual-qualified, UK-trained Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon with over 30 years of surgical experience. His background spans medicine, general surgery and dentistry, with specialist training completed at King's College London and across the UK. Now based at Anglesea OMS, Dr Madhavarajan delivers comprehensive care across the full scope of OMFS, with particular expertise in complex surgical cases, implantology and head and neck conditions.



ORDER OF MEETING

6:30PM Arrive for pre-dinner drinks
7:00PM Dinner followed by dessert
8:00PM **Sponsor: Tiffany Hanes - Neoss**
8:05PM **Speaker: Satish Madhavarajan**
9:00PM Branch General Meeting

Members due for election at this meeting:
Shayden Bell and Eunice Koo

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Present
Apologies
Minutes from General Meeting: 27th March 2026
Matters Arising from Minutes
Treasurers Report
Delegates Report
Consumer Affairs Report
Correspondence
General Business and Presidents Business

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