

**Kia ora koutou, we have some dynamic new members in the University of radiation therapy team to introduce:**



Kia ora my name is Celaire aka **Cel** and I am originally from Hawkes Bay, East Coast but have lived in Wellington all my life. I whakapapa to Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Whakaki. My background is in Personal Training and Customer Service. I am the Client Services Administrator for Radiation Therapy. Outside of work I enjoy the gym and spending time with my family and friends.

Kia ora my name is **Pare** and I am originally from Hamilton/ Raglan. I whakapapa to Waikato-Tainui, Te Arawa, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa and Ngā Puhi. My background is in Education and Developmental psychology. I am a Professional Practice Fellow working across the Department of Radiation Therapy and the Department of Surgery and Anaesthesia to align both Departments with the University's Māori Strategic framework. Outside of work I enjoy reformer Pilates, cooking, and reading.

Kia ora, I'm Matt, one of four Lead Administrator Client Services at our Wellington Campus. I've worked various roles at Otago since 2015, and made the move from Dunedin mid-2022. Currently, I lead an amazing team of administrators responsible for overseeing parts of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MbChb) programs, postgraduate degrees, and the wonderful Celaire in Radiation Therapy. Outside of work, I am still finding new places to explore here in Pōneke.

## Welcome back to the team at KKC

It is great to have students on placement at the Kathleen Kilgour centre again and hopefully they enjoy a warm Bay of Plenty summer. **James Sanderson** is in the clinical educator role there and also joining the education team 'from a distance' is **Jesse Eichman** an Auckland treatment trainer and **Lydia Telford** clinical tutor in Christchurch.

### DATES OF INTEREST

#### 2023 students

Applications close 15 Sept

#### INTERVIEWS:

27-29 Sept, Dunedin

3-4 Oct, Wellington

5-6 Oct, Auckland

#### Year 3 Prizegiving/ Graduation

6 May 2023 (TBC) Dunedin

## Otago Med School (OMS) Professional Development—2023 online series

See your **staff educator or clinical tutor** to access professional development opportunities in clinical teaching and learning. Interactive zoom sessions occur on the third Wednesday of each month, 12-1pm.

- 20 September 2023 - Challenges presented by students (with a focus on diversity)
- 18 October – Microaggressions: What are they and how can we counter them?

[Full schedule here](#)

[Additional resources here](#)

Alternatively, visit [www.otago.ac.nz/oms/education/mbchb/staff/resources/#online-professional-development](http://www.otago.ac.nz/oms/education/mbchb/staff/resources/#online-professional-development) to access the recordings and pdfs of previous powerpoint slides.

The sessions for each year are available for the entire year and then the links are moved to an archive page where they are accessible for another year [www.otago.ac.nz/oms/education/mbchb/staff/resources/otago837765.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/oms/education/mbchb/staff/resources/otago837765.html)

The offer of an after hours zoom PD session is an option if people would find that helpful? Email Mel.

## Graduation — May 2023



Here is the link to the Angela Allen scholarship story on the Alumni website. 2022 recipient **Chloe Kemp**. [Special milestone for Angela Allen Radiation Therapy scholarship, News and events, Alumni & Friends, University of Otago, New Zealand](#)

[www.otago.ac.nz/wellington/departments/radiationtherapy](http://www.otago.ac.nz/wellington/departments/radiationtherapy)



# Research/Conference Update

The department has been well-represented at international conferences already in 2023. A significant accomplishment was the ESTRO 2023 (Vienna, Austria) poster by Lucy Rutten (Wellington Blood & Cancer Centre) and co-author Gemma Mckee from Lucy's BRT(Hons) research into head and neck skin toxicity management. Lucy's research supervisors, Aidan Leong and Peter Larsen, along with the wider department would like to acknowledge the significant mahi Lucy has contributed to this body of work, and congratulate her on this achievement.

[Feasibility and compliance of StrataXRT in treatment of radiation dermatitis in head and neck cancer](#)

Aidan also presented two research works within the RTT Education track.

[Online education sessions for RTTs of low- and middle-income countries in Asia-Pacific](#)

[Internationally led remote IGRT training and outcomes for RTTs in Mainland China](#)

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At ASMIRT 2023 (Sydney, Australia) lecturers Alannah Flockton, Gay Dungey and Kate Chadwick all presented research work to a fantastic turnout.

***Radiation therapy students' perceptions of peer group supervision: a pilot study***

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jmrs.664>

***Planning experience of new graduate radiation therapists in New Zealand***

<https://doi.org/10.1002/jmrs.661>

Particular acknowledgement is due to BRT undergraduate students **Kate McKay** and **Daniel Gilfillan** who successfully completed a summer studentships. Daniel was supporting the analysis of Alannah's national survey on patient preferences for radiation treatment information and Kate McKay was supporting Gay's work on student lead supervision. Kate is presenting this work at the NZIMRT conference in Queenstown 15-17 September.



"Being involved in one of the 2022/23 summer studentships was a great experience! An email was sent to all RT students to see who would be interested, and I was lucky enough to be selected for the student-ship supervised by Gay. Since then, we have been working to create a scientific report and poster for our project based on peer group supervision. It has been great to get involved in the research element of our profession!"