



ON TRACK NETWORK
BETTER HEALTH FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES

Te Awhi Rito

ON-TRACK Network

National Executive Committee

Call for Expressions of Interest

The ON TRACK Network, Te Awhi Rito for better health for mothers and babies is an investigator-led clinical trials network for multicentre trials and large observational studies in maternal and perinatal health throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our National Executive Committee works in an advisory capacity to guide and support the Network through its activities. With the start of this new year and as we refresh our strategic plan, we are seeking new members to join the Committee.

“It has been a very rewarding experience being a member of the ON TRACK Network Executive Committee. Knowing how valuable the Network’s mahi is, it has been a privilege to have a seat at the table to help guide the Network’s activities from a General Paediatric viewpoint. Most research happens in large tertiary centres, and I have found it very important to contribute from a regional hospital perspective. I have experienced how clinical trials can facilitate collaboration to ensure our clinical practice does not stagnate. It has raised awareness about the value of clinical trials in my unit. I have built contacts with multidisciplinary teams across different regions from being involved. I believe my position on this committee has helped me move towards working in a unit that, by being increasingly research active, also achieves the best outcomes for mothers and children. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained so much professionally. I would definitely recommend anyone to become a member of the ON TRACK Network Executive Committee “.

- Nathalie de Vries (NEC member 2016-2021)

If you are interested and committed to improving health and wellbeing for mothers and babies through improved healthcare, whether as a healthcare practitioner, parent, or healthcare service user, please consider joining us. We are particularly keen to hear from Māori and Pacific peoples, emerging researchers, and consumers (those recently accessing maternity and neonatal care).

About us

The ON TRACK Network was established in 2016, and with the support of our stakeholders, we have provided some significant achievements around our three strategic pillars:

- Identifying maternal and perinatal health research priorities across Aotearoa New Zealand
- Facilitating the establishment and effective integration of multicentre clinical trials in maternal and perinatal health across all sites in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Facilitating the dissemination and timely implementation of research findings into clinical practice.

Our Strategic Plan provides further information on these strategic pillars and our vision, mission statement, core values, research goals, and organisational structure <https://ontrack.perinatalsociety.org.nz/about-the-on-track-network/>. As a Network, we strive for:

- Excellence and innovation *“Whaia te iti kahurangi”*
- Collaboration and cooperation *“Naku te rourou, nau te rourou”*
- Respect *“Awahi mai, awahi atu”*
- Aotearoa New Zealand focus *“Aronga Aotearoa”*
- Inclusivity and support *“He waka eke noa”*
- Sustainability and future investment *“Hutia te rito te harakeke”*
- Accountability *“I runga te tika, te pono”*

The ON TRACK Network is committed to promoting equity and equality and supporting cultural competence and

responsiveness in research. We aim for our activities to be relevant to all wāhine, pēpi and whānau and allow all to become involved in health research and benefit from its findings, whoever they are, and wherever they live in Aotearoa.

National Executive Committee representation currently includes obstetrics, midwifery, neonatology, paediatrics, neonatal nursing, Māori health research, and consumers. Terms of reference for this committee are attached.

Are you interested?

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Associate Professor Katie Groom (ON TRACK Network National Executive Committee Chairperson): k.groom@auckland.ac.nz.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ON TRACK Network National Executive Committee, please contact us at ontracknetwork@auckland.ac.nz.