



## **Media release**

The Christchurch earthquakes, cardiac arrest following drug poisoning, superwarfarin poisoning, Monday morning fever, party drugs, and more. These issues will be discussed at the Winter Symposium of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine being held in Queenstown, New Zealand, July 10-12.

### **Highlights for Tuesday July 12**

**10.30** Dr Jan Bone, emergency physician at Canterbury District Health Board

Dr Bone will discuss the Christchurch earthquake in February, and at 3 pm the Christchurch Earthquake Disaster Management Panel will hold a Q&A session.

This presentation offers a personal recall of the earthquake and how the emergency department, hospital, and city lived with it and through it.

“All of us have dealt with disasters - it’s what we are trained for - but they are always external events.

“We set up, manage them, then pat ourselves on the back. All the while we are intact. Being a part of a disaster and still having to perform brings a whole load of unexpected ramifications.

“It highlights the essence of why we are in medicine and demonstrates the enormous goodwill that makes our hospitals tick.”

**15.00** Christchurch Earthquake Disaster Management Panel: Q&A session

#### **CONFERENCE MEDIA CONTACT:**

Marilyn Bitomsky, phone 0412 884 114. There will be a conference media room at the Millennium Hotel, the conference venue. The phone number for that room is not yet known, but the main phone number for the hotel is +64 3 450 0150.

Conference convenor: Dr Amanda Holgate, phone +64 21 2777 827

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