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# LONG TERM IMPLICATIONS OF UNDIAGNOSED HEART DISEASE WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY  
20TH MAY,  
7PM - 8PM



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Dr Raj Nair is an Interventional and Structural Cardiologist located at the Waikato Hospital and Southern Cross Heart Institute. After completing his specialty training in England, Australia and Denmark, Raj began consulting at the Waikato Hospital in 2011.

Dr Nair received formal training in structural heart disease intervention under the guidance of Dr Lars Søndergaard, at the quaternary referral centre, Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has performed over 300 transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) procedures and has experience in initiating TAVI at new sites. He trained with Dr Farqad Alamgir performing the first MitraClip® procedure for severe mitral regurgitation in England in 2008. Raj was instrumental in initiating the MitraClip® in Denmark and New Zealand and has performed this procedure over 45 times.

Raj is the Deputy Chair of the Cardiac Intervention and Device Committee at Pharmac and is the Co-Founder of Structural Heart Disease Asia Pacific which aims to bring together all disciplines from the heart team on a unified platform.

Covid-19 has already changed our healthcare landscape and there is a chance that it has instilled a fear of face-to-face medical care. How can we encourage our high risk patients back to our clinics?

#### **HIS TOPIC WILL INCLUDE**

- The status of cardiovascular departments and waiting lists around NZ
- How should we manage high risk cardiovascular patients post level 4
- How can we encourage our patients to come back to our clinics and what are the long term consequences to our communities if we can't.
- COVID-19 vs. Cardiovascular Disease – what's the real risk?

**REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED**

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