

Safe Surgery NZ

Free half-day regional forums with Professor Bill Berry, Ariadne Labs, South Carolina

Save the date

These three regional half-day forums are coming to you:

Auckland	15 March 2018	Sudima Hotel Auckland Airport, 18 Airpark Drive, Mangere, Auckland
Wellington	20 March 2018	Te Papa, 55 Cable Street, Te Aro, Wellington
Christchurch	22 March 2018	Commodore Airport Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

The forums are free to attend and limited to 80 participants.

All forums will run from 1pm to 4pm, followed by a networking opportunity until 5pm. Light snacks will be provided and a cash bar is available.

Join other surgical teams in your area to find out about the Safe Surgery NZ programme's impact to date and share your experience of the teamwork and communication interventions. We are very fortunate to have Professor William (Bill) Berry join us at these forums to discuss the latest South Carolina research and the future focus of patient safety in theatres.



Professor Berry is the Associate Director and Chief Implementation Officer at Ariadne Labs, a joint centre for health systems innovation at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. He is also the Principal Research Scientist, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health.

Bill has co-authored several articles with Atul Gawande and has been an advisor to the Safe Surgery NZ programme since it began.

A paper published in *Annals of Surgery* in October 2017 suggests that, completely separate from the specifics of the checklist, the culture and environment in which we work in the operating room is associated with better outcomes for the patients who pass through it. The study authors, including Bill Berry, Atul Gawande and Alex Haynes, write that their findings 'support the notion that the perception of safety of surgical practice amongst OR staff may be predictive of postoperative death rates'.

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