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Nina is a Specialist Paediatric Dentist who has been working in private practice in Auckland for the past 14 years. She completed her specialist training at The University of Melbourne and The Royal Children’s Hospital in 1998. Subsequent to this she completed Fellowship into the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, winning the College Medal for eminence in her field.

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Presentation synopsis:
Dentists’ programme – Thursday 16 August
Dealing with tricky kids – what works?

Do you get stressed treating children? It is well known that many dentists do not like treating children. Perhaps due to lack of training or mentoring, lack of confidence or previous bad experiences with children. Having worked in a private specialist practice for the past 14 years, I have trialled different techniques, and learnt from experience and mistakes. My team and I have a lot of fun (yes, that’s right – FUN) in our workplace where children enjoy attending.

This lecture addresses some effective techniques on increasing your success rate with children to make the experience rewarding for both clinician and patient and at the same time showcasing your skills to the parent. Your practice will benefit and grow as a result. A range of topics will be discussed including sedation technique for anxious children, giving good local anaesthesia, taking radiographs for pre-schoolers and other handy tips to make your life easier!