

Supporting Your Patients

Learn how to connect your patients with funded allied health support for specific neurological conditions, and what to expect from our services.

cann Charitable Trust is a national organisation connecting people with expert allied health professionals who understand neurological and neuromuscular conditions. Our name is derived from our Clinical Allied Neurological Network – a reflection of our aim to build a connected, collaborative network that delivers expert care where it's needed most.

Through our trusted network of clinics across Aotearoa, we help people access funded care tailored to their diagnosis, location, and needs.

We work alongside GPs and local services to support people where there are service gaps, limited access, or a need for condition-specific expertise.

Who we support

We currently offer funded intervention packages, which are **free to eligible people** with:

- Parkinson's
 - **Recently diagnosed** within the last 12 months
 - **Early Onset Parkinson's:** Have been diagnosed before the age of 50 and registered with cann before their 50th birthday.
 - **PINK1:** with a confirmed diagnosis related to a **PINK1** gene variant
- Polio and the late effects of polio
- Focal idiopathic dystonia (cervical or hand)
- Inherited ataxias (e.g. SCA, Friedreich's, CANVAS)

[View conditions, eligibility and registration information here](#)

What we offer

- Comprehensive assessment and short blocks of therapy with experienced neurological allied health therapists (Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy or other)
- Practical, goal-focused rehab targeting function, mobility, fatigue, posture, and safety
- Sensory-motor retraining for conditions such as dystonia and ataxia
- Condition-specific education and guidance for patients and their whānau
- Support navigating local services and referrals to community providers
- Follow-up reviews where clinically appropriate (e.g. annual review, deterioration, or ongoing service gaps)
- Appointments offered nationwide, with telehealth available as needed

We aim to complement existing care by providing focused, practical input to help people better understand and manage their condition. We prioritise communication and shared planning with primary and community-based teams.

Our mission

Partnering to deliver clinical excellence and life-changing services.

We believe that with the right care, tools, and support, people physically impacted by neurological conditions can take control of their health, stay active, and participate in daily life with greater confidence and independence.

Our values

- **Enable** – empowering people with the tools and support they need
- **Uplift** – delivering compassionate, person-centred care
- **Unite** – working collaboratively to make lasting impact
- **Exceed** – striving for excellence in clinical care and outcomes

Referrals and registration

The easiest way for patients to access our support is by self-registering online:

<http://www.cann.org.nz/get-support>

Clinicians can also refer (with patient consent) by emailing:

hello@cann.org.nz

Please include the patient's name, condition, contact details, and region.

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