

6. **ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS HEPATOLOGY PRIZE**

- a. Amount: \$1,000
- b. Sponsor: Roche Diagnostics NZ Ltd

**Eligibility**

Open to any paper or poster presented at the conference where the research involves any diagnostic technique used to investigate patients with **viral hepatitis**. (laboratory, radiological, ultrasonographic, etc).

The award winner will be the first author, or presenting author for verbal presentations. The paper must have **a member of the NZSG as a named co-author**.

The following criteria will be used in making the Award:

1. Originality: How original or unique is the idea, observation or research.
2. Design and methods used in the investigation, research or presentation.
3. Results and conclusions: The criteria will look at whether the conclusion reached by the investigators logically follow from the methods and results. It will look at the importance and relevance of the presentation to gastroenterology.
4. Clinical usefulness: These criteria will look at how useful the observation or conclusions are for the clinical practitioner and for gastroenterology.
5. Audio-visual presentation: How clear are the slides? How clear was the presentation? How entertaining as well as enlightening was the presentation?

*Any subsequent publication that comes out of the work must acknowledge the Society award.*

Each of the criteria will be rated by judges appointed by the President of the New Zealand Gastroenterology Society in conjunction and in consultation with Roche Diagnostics. Visiting speakers from overseas attending the New Zealand Gastroenterology Society Annual Scientific Meeting will be asked to participate in judging the Award.

The award will be presented at the Conference Dinner.

This Award and this Agreement would be annually reviewed.

The Society has the discretion not to make the Award if there is no suitable candidate.