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## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Post-Polio Support Society NZ Inc.

#### OUR SOCIETY

The Post-Polio Support Society was initiated in 1987. It has 23 districts provided through the board of management. Finance is provided through national and local support.

#### OUR AIMS

The Society aims to provide support for those who have had polio. In particular to:

- collect and distribute information that will enable members to understand and moderate the changes occurring in their conditions
- inform medical practitioners of post-polio syndrome and update them on advances in research and treatment
- work towards the establishment of assessment and treatment clinics for polio survivors and for the establishment of at least one centre of excellence in New Zealand for the study and treatment of post-polio syndrome.

#### OUR RESOURCES

The Society has a range of material available on post-polio syndrome or the late effects of polio. This includes videos, conference proceedings, books, handbooks and other major publications. It also publishes a quarterly newsletter.

#### POLIO IN NEW ZEALAND

Between 1914 and 1961 there were about 10,000 cases of polio in New Zealand. A pattern of major epidemics occurred at 10-11 year intervals until the 1950s when annual summer outbreaks occurred. It was halted by the arrival of the Salk and Sabin vaccines. In 1961 virtually full immunisation against polio had been achieved.

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