

ANZSPM Member Alert - April 2018

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ANZSPM Conference 2018 **Registrations opening soon!**



The banner for the ANZSPM Conference 2018 features a lightbulb icon, gears, and the text "NEW FRONTIERS #ANZSPM18 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE". It also includes the location "Manly Beach, Sydney, AUSTRALIA", dates "6-9 September 2018", and the website "www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18". The background of the banner is an aerial view of a coastal city with a beach and blue water.

Join us in Sydney this September for the ANZSPM Conference 2018: *New Frontiers*! The conference will be held Thursday 6 September to Sunday 9 September at the Novotel Sydney Manly-Pacific on Sydney's beautiful northern beaches, with a packed programme of workshops, plenary and break-out sessions.

The call for abstracts is now open on the conference website and programme and registration information will be available very soon - visit www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18 and look out for updates from the ANZSPM office. #ANZSPM18

ANZSPM Trainee & New Fellows Day, Melbourne – registration now open!

An ANZSPM Study Day for Palliative Medicine Advanced Trainees and New Fellows will be held on 28 May at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Building, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Join us for an exciting program featuring presentations (topics subject to change) on:

- Grief and bereavement
- Psycho-oncology
- Palliative radiotherapy
- An update on prostate cancer for palliative medicine specialists
- Consultant level skills - funding, management, private practice, and more!

Registration form is available on the events pages of the [ANZSPM website](http://www.anzspm.org.au). Full program available shortly!

ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update & Trainee Day – registration now open!

The Aotearoa Annual Education Update will be held in Wellington Saturday 30 June to Sunday 1 July, with a Trainee Day on 29 June.

Registration forms for the Annual Update and Trainee day can be downloaded from the events pages on the [ANZSPM website](http://www.anzspm.org.au) as well as the programmes for both the Annual update and the Trainee Day.

Other Events for your diary

A calendar of events for 2018 is available on our website under Events at www.anzspm.org.au. Information is provided on the ANZSPM website [events calendar](http://www.anzspm.org.au/events-calendar) as it becomes available. Upcoming events include:

National Advance Care Planning Week - 16 – 22 April 2018

The week encourages all Australians, regardless of their age or health, to make their future health care preferences known. The initiative challenges people to start conversations with loved ones about what living well means to them and to consider who they would want to speak for them, if they were too sick to speak for themselves. Organisations and community groups are encouraged to [host an event](#) to help raise awareness. It can be a simple morning tea or a more formal seminar. There are [event tips](#) available, and relevant [forms](#) for your state/territory. The first 50 organisations to [register their event](#) as part of National Advance Care Planning Week will receive a free 'goodie pack' which includes flyers, tea bags, pens, notepads and more.

www.acpweek.org.au #acpweek18

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute PHD research forum – 2 May 2018, Melbourne

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research is hosting an open forum for medical graduates to provide an opportunity to discuss opportunities regarding undertaking a PhD as part of their training and facilitating an introduction to the world of both basic and clinical translational research. Our clinician PhD students tackle important questions in cancer, immune disorders and infectious diseases. Over the past decade medically trained researchers have played a critical role in many world first medical discoveries and the institute wishes to encourage a new generation of clinicians to get involved in medical research.

This evening will provide an opportunity to discuss PhD studies in general, and what's involved in undertaking medical research at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. The importance of the night will be to meet local high-profile clinician-researchers and provide a forum to discuss issues such as:

- Basic research or translational research: the passion for discovery?
- How to apply for a PhD?
- Funding - what scholarships are out there?
- What to expect from doing a PhD / MD in a day to day environment?
- Fields of interest and current directions/interests at The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
- Additional contact details and open invitation to come and talk to the Institute director and head of Clinical Translation if interested.

RSVP (registration): www.wehi.edu.au/clinician-phd-forum.

Contact: Jenni Harris on email at ctc@wehi.edu.au or phone 9345 2480.

National Dementia Conference - 15-16 May 2018, Melbourne

The National Dementia Conference aims to improve the outcomes for people living with dementia and their families, caretakers & service providers.

The conference is a national gathering for health professionals from a range of settings (i.e. acute, allied health, residential aged care, community health etc), carers, researchers, aged care workers and policy makers involved in the care of people living with dementia. The conference brings together senior level experts to network and discuss the challenges, opportunities and strategies for dementia care and provides a unique platform for sharing experiences and exploring examples of best practice.

The agenda features high level keynotes, in-depth presentations, interactive panel discussions and Q&A sessions which will explore new research, effective dementia care initiatives, emerging technologies, ongoing funding, developments in staff education, and overall improvements to supporting people living with dementia, their carers and families and service providers.

ANZSPM was approached to attend this conference and Dr Elissa Campbell (Chair of ANZSPM's Palliative Care for Older Persons SIG) will attend and join the panel for the discussion on advance care planning for people living with dementia and the role of palliative care.

<https://www.informa.com.au/event/national-dementia-conference/>

Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference - 20-21 May 2018, Brisbane

This is a forum for nurses and other health professionals to network and socialise, hear from colleagues and peers about new evidence programs, become familiar with new products and services to the industry, and to

identify opportunities to collaborate and translate evidence into clinical practice excellence. www.pcna.org.au/conference

National Palliative Care Week – 20-26 May 2018

National Palliative Care Week is an annual awareness raising week organised by Palliative Care Australia. The theme for this year's National Palliative Care Week is 'What matters most?' and it will be held 20-26 May 2018. #npcw18 www.palliativecare.org.au

IMPACCT:NSW Forum – Improving Palliative Care in Acute Care Hospitals – 31 May 2018

The New South Wales Palliative Care Research group (IMPACCT:NSW) is holding a forum to showcase research aimed to improve palliative care in hospitals, open opportunities for collaboration and wider translation into practice. Any clinicians and researchers interested in this area are welcome to attend. The forum will include short presentations followed by a discussion facilitated by an interdisciplinary panel and key stakeholders with audience questions. If you would like to build momentum in research, implementation and develop networks to accelerate capacity to improve palliative care in acute care please join this important discussion.

Event to be held at the following time, date and location:
Thursday, 31 May 2018 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm (AEST)

Medical Education Centre, Concord Repatriation General Hospital
1H Hospital Rd, Concord West, Sydney, NSW 2138 Australia

Share this event on Facebook and Twitter.

South Australia one day palliative care conference – 20 July 2018

The conference "The Heart of the Matter: person-centred care and the patient experience" will bring together stakeholders interested in dignity, spirituality, compassion and the privilege of patient and family centred care at the end of life. [Download the conference poster here.](#)

The [keynote speakers](#) Dr Fiona Kerr, Mary Freer, Laila Hallam and Karen Glaetzer AM will explore healthcare's imbalanced focus on physical disease and bio-medicine and the need to pay much more attention to emotional, psychological and spiritual wellbeing and the importance of healing relationships.

This one day conference is the perfect forum for nurses, allied health professionals, pastoral care workers, patient wellness coordinators, doctors, students, administrators and executives. It is an opportunity to learn, network and socialise, become familiar with new products and services. There will be plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops.

[Registration](#) is now open. Members \$120, non members early bird \$200 and will close on Friday May 11th 2018 at which time the price will be \$250.

A draft program is available on www.pallcare.asn.au

MASCC/ISOO 2018 Vienna, Austria, 28-30 June 2018



The MASCC meeting is unique in taking a multidisciplinary approach to topics in supportive cancer care. Our 2018 meeting will feature plenary sessions on cannabinoids for symptom management and cancer therapy, post-chemotherapy cognitive impairment, and cardiac toxicities secondary to cancer therapies. These topics span a range of specialties and allied professions, enabling the whole team to come together to discuss issues of mutual interest on a global platform. Themed pre-conference workshops will provide another opportunity for in-depth discussions on many areas of side-effect management. In addition, mentored

sessions for poster presenters will provide guidance from world leaders for our experts of the future. www.mascc.org/meeting

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 5-6 July 2018, Sydney

The Care of the Conservatively Managed Patient with End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD)

A critical aspect of Renal Supportive Care is the care of patients where a non-dialysis pathway is recommended or chosen. This 2 day symposium is directed to all doctors and other health professionals working in Palliative Medicine and Nephrology. It will cover multiple areas including decision making around whether or not to commence dialysis, symptom management, advance care planning, communication skills, the role of Community Palliative Care, care of the dying patient and bereavement.

Location: St George Hospital, Kogarah, Sydney.

Contact for registration : Elizabeth Josland at Elizabeth.Josland@health.nsw.gov.au

Careers

A number of positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the [ANZSPM Jobs pages](#) for details.



Palliative Care Physician -Tamworth Hospital (paid advertisement)

Come and be involved in the development of palliative care services to the rural and regional communities of the North West and New England regions of NSW.

What this position offers you?

- An opportunity to provide inpatient and community clinical palliative care services as well as collaborative support to the Medical Specialist and General Practitioner communities.
- An opportunity to become involved in exploring new models of care and innovative practice to support end of life care across a wide geographical area.
- An opportunity to use your experience and knowledge and become involved in palliative care medical education and research programs with community clinicians, local GP's and the University of Newcastle.
- An opportunity to work closely with the onsite North West Cancer Centre providing integrated oncology care including radiation oncology, medical oncology, and haematology services.
- You will be well supported by a team of experienced colleagues with opportunities to engage with the Hunter New England Palliative Care network providing mentoring, peer support and professional development opportunities.
- Come and join a committed, welcoming and collegial team of 15 General Physicians; be supported by an experienced team including End of Life Care Physician, SRMO and Intern; palliative care trained inpatient and community nurses and allied health support.

Tamworth Hospital with a \$260 million acute service redevelopment completed in 2015, is equipped with 348 treatment spaces; a new 6 bed family friendly palliative care unit and is the major Rural Referral Hospital for the north west of NSW.

Tamworth, with a population of 60,000 is located approximately halfway between Sydney and Brisbane. Tamworth is a thriving regional city including ease of access with daily flights to Sydney and Brisbane, big

wide open spaces, a welcoming and friendly community, excellent schools, affordable housing and great opportunities for you and your family to live your life and pursue your interests.

Interested? Please contact: Dr Phil Hungerford, Clinical Superintendent/Palliative Care Clinician Ph. (02) 6767 7090 or Maree Sheaves, Senior Medical Recruitment Consultant Ph. (02) 6767 7780 maree.sheaves@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: 13 May 2018

Member feedback request - what are you reading?

Have you recently read an article or book of relevance to your peers in the Palliative Medicine Sector? Is there an article or book that made a big impact on you in your current role or that has become your “go to” resource? We’d love to hear from you!

If there is a current article or book that you think might be of interest to your peers, please email details to info@anzspm.org.au. The information will be used to create a reading list to share with other members. Thank you for your participation.

2018-19 Membership Renewals

A reminder that membership renewals for the 2018-19 year have opened and members would have now received a renewal notice by email. Don’t forget to check that your details, including your current membership type is correct.

Thank you to those ANZSPM members who have already renewed for 2018-19. Membership inquiries should be directed to info@anzspm.org.au.

Let’s grow our membership ... promote ANZSPM to your colleagues

Medical practitioners with an interest in palliative medicine may apply for membership. Please direct interested people to the [online join facility](#) on the ANZSPM website, where they can read about the many benefits of membership and submit an application online.

ANZSPM Office Contact Details

The ANZSPM office has moved – one door down from our old office! Please note our new details:

Street address: Suite 6, Level 5, 490 Northbourne Avenue, DICKSON ACT
Telephone: +61 2 6189 2244

Our other details are unchanged.

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