

## ANZSPM Member Alert – 1 June 2018

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### Government news - Australia

The Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT has received 487 written submissions in response to its consultation. All submissions, including ANZSPM's, are now published on the Committee website as well as the Committee public hearing program which started on 17 May 2018. ANZSPM's submission can also be viewed on our [website](#).

ANZSPM President, Prof Meera Agar and Dr Michael Chapman will appear before the Committee in a public hearing today from 10.15am. The ACT Minister for Health Meegan Fitzharris is appearing before the Committee immediately afterwards. The hearings are [livestreamed](#) if you want to listen in and recordings can also be accessed afterwards.

Further information about this inquiry can be found at: [End of Life Choices in the ACT](#)

### Government news – New Zealand

The Justice Committee is currently holding public hearings on the End of Life Choice Bill. Hearings are advertised on the [Parliament website](#). ANZSPM Aotearoa Chair, Dr Salina Iupati, will appear before the Committee on behalf of ANZSPM on the afternoon of Monday 11 June in Wellington.

Over 35,000 submissions were received by the committee. ANZSPM's submission can be viewed on our [website](#).

Further information about the End of Life Choice Bill can be found on the [Parliament website](#).

### Rare Cancers Australia

Rare Cancer Australia operates a [Knowledgebase](#) as part of its wider Patient Support Program aimed at providing patients with a centre of knowledge, guidance, advice and hope. It includes guidance on selecting a suitable Health Professional or Multi-Disciplinary Team to assist in diagnosis, right through to care and treatment options.

Rare Cancers Australia invites health professionals, or organisations, who wish to be included in this database, to submit their details. Please contact Rare Cancers Australia directly by email for more information at [contact@rarecancers.org.au](mailto:contact@rarecancers.org.au).

### RACP feedback sought on Consultation: NSQHS Standards Guide for Governing Bodies

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has invited the RACP to provide feedback on the draft guide for governing bodies to support the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (second edition). Many Fellows are part of health service governing bodies and are able to provide considered feedback on this draft guide.

**About the NSQHS Standards (second edition):** The NSQHS Standards (2nd ed.) and implementation resources are available on the Commission's website.

- The standards address gaps identified in the first edition, including mental health and cognitive impairment, health literacy, end-of-life care, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health;
- Updates the evidence for actions, consolidates and streamlines standards and actions to make them clearer and easier to implement, and reduces duplication. There are eight standards and 148 actions (the first edition had 10 standards and 256 actions);
- All the elements in the second edition must be implemented by health service organisations.

About the draft guide for governing bodies (subject of feedback).

- The guide is intended to provide advice to governing bodies exercising their governance responsibilities in the implementation of the NSQHS Standards.
- The guide outlines the actions in the NSQHS Standards that require health service organisation leaders, especially members of the governing body, to act.

### Survey questions

Please provide your input on the list of consultation questions and send to [racpconsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:racpconsult@racp.edu.au).

A copy of the Standards and the Consultation Questions can be found in the ANZPM website [members area](#) under the Notices tab. You will need to login to the members area to view these.

Deadline: **Monday 10 am 4 June** If you have any questions, please contact Dr Kathryn Powell, Senior Policy Officer RACP on 02 92565497 or email [racpconsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:racpconsult@racp.edu.au)

### RACP Expressions of Interest sought

The RACP is seeking expressions of interest for two representatives for the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Hospital-Wide Clinical Indicators (CI) Working Party (WP).

If you are interested in applying, please respond to the criteria below and provide your CV by close of business **Friday 8 June 2018** directly to the RACP: [RACPConsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:RACPConsult@racp.edu.au). Please note this is a strict deadline.

#### Selection criteria:

Please state how your knowledge, qualifications, experience and personal attributes apply to each criterion below:

- Reason for interest in representing the College on the ACHS Hospital-Wide CI WP
- Please briefly detail your expertise and current work relevant to:
  - practising at a senior level within the clinical environment
  - experience in safety and quality improvement in health care
  - experience in accreditation and/or health service management
- Do you have any previous or current professional or personal connections that may give cause for perceived conflict of interest with the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards?

Please note any appointed member will have their contact details and/or CV shared with the external body unless we are asked to not to.

#### Background:

RACP has been contacted by the ACHS with an invitation to participate in the review of the Hospital Wide Clinical Indicators (CI).

Hospital-Wide clinical indicator set has been the first clinical indicator set used for data collection and reporting since 1993, and is the highest set reported on by healthcare organisations. The Hospital-Wide CIs were reviewed in 2013, and now the ACHS is looking to schedule another review with the WP.

RACP is invited to nominate representatives, preferably, who are currently practicing at a senior level within the clinical environment.

The Working Party for the revision process would be led by the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA), and ideally consist of members from the College, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), Allied Health Professions Association (AHPA), Australian College of Nursing (ACN), and Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA), Consumer representative and a Statistician from the Health Services Research Group (HSRG), University of Newcastle.

**Term and commitment:**

- First meeting date: November 2018 (normally 10.00am – 4.00pm). Location: TBC (usually held at ACHS Sydney or Parkroyal Melbourne Airport depending on members' preference)
- Once representatives from the College have been nominated, the ACHS will organise the necessary travel arrangements to attend the Working Party meetings.

**Palliative Care Barriers Survey - closes 24 June**

(Advertisement)

**Help address the barriers to accessing quality palliative care for under-served populations**

The Australian Government has commissioned a project exploring barriers to palliative care for nine population groups that are under-served or have complex needs.

Please complete this survey to share your views: [https://www.research.net/r/barriers\\_palliativecare](https://www.research.net/r/barriers_palliativecare)

The survey is open to everyone who works with under-served populations, even if palliative care is not part of your work.

More information is available here: <https://www.ahaconsulting.com.au/resources/bpc/>

**ANZSPM Conference 2018**

**Registrations now open! Early Bird Fee closes 29 June!**



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 program of workshops, plenary and break-out sessions.

The program includes a diverse range of topics including:

Decision Making Capacity;  
Current Horizons in Symptom Pathophysiology and Treatment;  
Adolescent and Young Adult Palliative Care;  
Complex Symptom Issues in Oncology;  
Complementary and Integrative Medicine;  
Perinatal Palliative Care;  
Think Like a Leader: How to Increase Your Influence - Thursday Workshop;  
and much more!

**Early bird registration closes 29 June!** To view the full program and registration details, visit the conference website – [www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18](http://www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18).

#### **ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update & Trainee Day – registrations close 15 June!**

The Aotearoa Annual Education Update will be held in Wellington Saturday 30 June to Sunday 1 July, with a Trainee Day on 29 June. Registrations close 15 June.

To register, download the registration form for the Annual Update and/or Trainee day from the [ANZSPM website](http://www.anzspm.org.au). The program can also be downloaded from the website.

#### **Other Events for your diary**

A calendar of events for 2018 is available on the [ANZSPM website](http://www.anzspm.org.au) under [Events](#). Information is provided on the ANZSPM website [events calendar](#) as it becomes available. If you know of an event of interest to members that is not already listed, please email details to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au).

## **Aukahatia** **Fostering Resilience**

**23rd Hospice New Zealand Palliative Care Conference**  
19-21 September 2018 / Auckland, New Zealand

Aukahatia – Fostering Resilience, the 23rd Hospice NZ Palliative Care Conference, is the premier New Zealand based conference on the 2018 calendar and is a must attend for any healthcare professional involved in palliative care. The conference will take place from Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 September at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland. Aukahatia honours and reinforces the importance of strength and resilience when it comes to the end of life. Strength and resilience is essential at an organisational and community level for those providing or using palliative care services.

This is your opportunity to hear from top international and New Zealand based speakers and network with over 300 palliative care professionals from a range of disciplines. The conference will be strategic, practical and forward thinking. During the conference, delegates will be reminded of the importance and need to be part of a strong team and community to provide excellent end of life care to patients their families and whanau.

#### **Key Dates**

Registration open	End of May 2018
Early Bird Registration closes	Friday 27 July 2018

### Who should attend?

Everyone is welcome, but the conference is aimed at health care professionals working for hospice (doctors, nurses, members of the multidisciplinary team) as well as GP's, district nurses, researchers, educators, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, counsellors, social workers, art therapists, staff from DHB's, and people working in aged residential care and primary care.

For all registration information, please click [here](#). Please note that we do have the option for one day registrations for those who are unable to commit to the full conference.

For further information regarding the conference, please click [here](#).

### Careers

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

### 2018-19 Membership Renewals

A reminder that the current membership year expires 30 June. If you haven't yet renewed for the 2018-19 year, please login on the ANZSPM website and follow the prompts to renew now. **Don't forget to check that your details, including your current membership type is correct.**

Membership inquiries should be directed to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au).

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