

ANZSPM Member Alert – 21 January 2019

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ANZSPM Trainee Day, Saturday 30 March 2019 | Palmerston North NZ

The next ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee Day will be held at Arohanui Hospice on Saturday 30 March 2019.

The Trainee Day is open to ANZSPM Members only who are medical practitioners training in palliative care (Advanced Trainee/Diploma of Palliative Care, GP with special interest in Palliative Care, Palliative Care Medical Officers and new Palliative Medicine specialists within their first year of vocational registration).

The program and registration forms are now available on the [ANZSPM website](#).

PaCCSC Clinical Outcomes Trial

ANZSPM has received correspondence from Professor David Currow regarding the outcomes of a recent double blind, randomised clinical trial of Sertraline in symptomatic chronic breathlessness.

Members can view the letter and manuscript in the ANZSPM Members area by logging in to the ANZSPM [Members Area](#) - Click on the “Notices” tab.

EOI – ANZSPM Workforce Advisory Working Group

A reminder that ANZSPM is seeking members to join a Workforce Strategy Advisory Working Group. An email was sent to all members on 9 January with a reminder email on 16 January.

The Working Group will be co-convened by A/Prof Leeroy William (ANZSPM Vice-President) and Dean Fourie (ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive Committee Member) with the following aims:

- To review the current Palliative Medicine workforce data in Australia and New Zealand, in order to gain an overview of the issues we will need to address for the future.
- To develop a strategy to continue to grow the specialty, especially in the areas of need identified in the review of the current status of the workforce.
- To collaborate with the Chapter of Palliative Medicine and any other Colleges or SIGs that may inform and support Palliative Medicine workforce planning.
- To report to the ANZSPM Council on a regular basis, in order to engage with relevant stakeholders, as well as jurisdictional and governmental authorities regarding Palliative Medicine workforce planning.

Members are invited to submit an [expression of interest](#) (available under notices in the members area – please log in to view) to the ANZSPM office by Thursday 14 February 2019.

EOI – College representative on ACSQHC Patient Safety Culture Advisory Group

The College is seeking expressions of interest for three (3) nominations to be considered for one (1) position as College representative on the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's (ACSQHC) Patient Safety Culture Advisory Group.

To apply

If you are interested in applying, please complete the selection criteria below and provide your CV by COB **Monday 4 February** to RACPConsult@racp.edu.au.

Selection criteria

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

1. Reason for interest in representing the College on the ACSQHC Patient Safety Culture Advisory Group.
2. Please briefly detail your expertise and current work relevant to patient safety culture.
3. Do you have any previous or current professional or personal connections that may give cause for perceived conflict of interest with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)?

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

Background:

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) is convening an expert advisory group (EAG) to support a project to develop a patient safety culture survey for national use.

Measurement of safety culture in health settings is seen as an important way to identify safety issues early and drive safety and quality improvement. Safety culture is usually measured through surveys of staff. Frontline staff are often the first to identify concerning patterns of unsafe practice and have the greatest opportunity to observe the conditions which influence such practices. Unlike other countries, Australia currently has no nationally consistent way of collecting information on safety culture.

The ACSQHC has been tasked with the development of a national survey to support the collection of information on safety culture. This project will involve consultation with a range of stakeholders and will be supported by advice from the EAG.

The College has been contacted by the ACSQHC to provide three (3) nominations to be considered for the one (1) position as College representative on the EAG.

Please note that there will be two stages of selection to determine the College representative. All nominations received will be provided the College's Policy and Advocacy Council Advisory Committee for selection and approval of three nominees to be provided to the ACSQHC. In order to ensure an appropriate spread of expertise, the ACSQHC will then conduct their own selection process of the three nominees to determine the College representative.

Term and commitment:

- To adhere to the College's [Code of Conduct](#)
- Provide the RACP with a report or summary of meeting discussions and outcomes as agreed with the Policy and Advocacy department
- The term of the EAG is expected to be from March 2019 until June 2020
- It is expected that there will be two face-to-face meetings (held in Sydney) as well as 2-3 additional meetings held via teleconference.
- Meeting dates for the face-to-face meetings are 7 March and 1 April, both between 10am-4pm.
- The ACSQHC will provide remuneration to eligible members. Travel will also be arranged and covered by the ACSQHC.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



**The Australian & New Zealand
Society for Geriatric Medicine
Annual Scientific Meeting 2019**
Geriatric Medicine – Best care to the end
ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE
MONDAY, 13 MAY 2019 – WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2019

The conference will be on **13-15 May 2019** at the recently redeveloped Adelaide Convention Centre.

This is the premier conference for Geriatric Medicine in Australasia with over 700 delegates attending the 2018 meeting in Sydney. ANZSGM 2019 has the theme of “Geriatric Medicine – Best care to the end” which will focus on evidence and innovation in the care of older adults and in end of life care. The program will also feature updates in cardiovascular and neurological diseases in older patients.

Further information is at www.anzsgmconference.org

The Gold Coast Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Service inaugural seminar on Interventional Palliative Care and Medical Updates, 7-8 June 2019 | Gold Coast University Hospital, QLD

The inaugural seminar will provide updates and support for Consultants, Registrars, Nurse Practitioners and CNC in palliative care.

It is a free event, with catering provided. Please note places are limited and registration is essential.

To register visit: <https://1st-goldcoast-pallcare-seminar.eventbrite.com.au>

And for all enquiries, email: GCHPalliativeCare@health.qld.gov.au

Asia Pacific Hospice Conference, 1-4 August 2019 | Indonesia

This conference will provide an opportunity to gain and exchange expert knowledge and network with fellow hospice and palliative care experts.

Abstract submission deadline; 1 February 2019

For more information please visit the conference [website](#) and/or contact the conference secretariat at taphc2019poster@gmail.com

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference, 10-13 September 2019 | Perth – registrations open!

Palliative Care Australia in collaboration with Hospice New Zealand has opened registrations for the 2019 Oceanic Palliative Care Conference.

ANZSPM will be hosting a study day for trainees and new fellows on the first day the conference (Tuesday, 10th September 2019). The ANZSPM AGM will be held on the morning of Thursday 12 September. We look forward to catching up with members in attendance at the conference.

To register and for more information on the conference visit the [Oceanic Palliative Care Conference website](#).

Twitter updates for the event can be followed at #19OPCC.

Careers

One new position has recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details.

ANZSPM Membership

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.

Membership inquiries should be directed to info@anzspm.org.au.

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Our standard office hours: Mon-Thurs 9.15am-2.45pm AEST

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