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NSW Cannabis Medicines Draft Prescribing Guidance

The Australian Centre for Cannabinoid Clinical and Research Excellence (ACRE) has developed *NSW Cannabis Medicines Prescribing Guidance* to provide information and support for NSW medical practitioners for prescribing cannabis medicines to patients. For more information visit ACRE's [website](#).

ACRE invites stakeholders to provide written submissions addressing either a single *Prescribing Guidance* document, a sub-set of, or all of the draft *Prescribing Guidance* documents. Please email written submissions (in Word form) to ACRE-contact@newcastle.edu.au by close of business on **Friday 8 March 2019**.

Members are also invited to forward comments on the documents to submissions@anzspm.org.au by no later than **Friday 1 March 2019** to enable an ANZSPM submission to be prepared incorporating member views.

QLD Inquiry into Aged Care, End-of Life, Palliative Care & VAD Issues Paper released

The QLD Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee has now released an [Issues Paper](#) for this inquiry. Submissions are due **15 April 2019**. Public hearings will commence in late March.

ANZSPM will be making a submission to the inquiry and **invites QLD members to provide feedback to submissions@anzspm.org.au by 11 March 2019** to inform an ANZSPM submission in response to the Issues Paper.

RACP is also calling for input for an RACP submission to this inquiry due **by 11 March** and is specifically seeking input on how aged care, end-of-life and palliative care are delivered for Queenslanders and whether the consultation has due regard to the terms of reference of the Australian Government's Royal Commission into the Quality and Safety of Aged Care. To participate in the RACP submission, please respond directly to racpconsult@racp.edu.au.

Members may also wish to make individual submissions to the Inquiry.

WA VAD Ministerial Expert Advisory Panel Terms of Reference

The WA Minister for Health announced an Expert Advisory Panel following release of the report "My Life, My Choice" last year, which recommended that the WA Government introduce legislation for voluntary assisted dying and that an expert panel be established to consult and develop the legislation.

The Panel's Terms of Reference, which explain the Panel's role and state its Guiding Principles, have now been finalised and approved for public release. ANZSPM has obtained a copy of the Terms of Reference, which can be viewed in the [Members' Area](#).

The Panel is developing a Discussion Paper, which will be released by the end of March 2019. Comments and views of the general public, as well as experts on particular issues, will be sought via website survey,

community forums and roundtable discussions over the period from the end of March until the end of May this year. The comments and suggestions will be collated and used by the Panel to inform its recommendations to the Minister regarding the content of the proposed legislation, which is expected to be introduced into Parliament in the second half of 2019.

ANZSPM will seek views from WA members once the Discussion Paper has been released to inform ANZSPM comment on the paper.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the End of Life Choices team in the Department of Health via MEP.Secretariat@health.wa.gov.au.

Palliative Care Australia – 2030 vision statement published

On 12 February 2019, Palliative Care Australia launched the document [Palliative Care 2030: Working Towards the Future of Quality Palliative Care for All](#). The document outlines significant actions identified by PCA required across communities and governments to meet the increasing complexity of providing palliative care to all Australians who need it.

RACP request for input – Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality

ANZSPM has received a request from RACP for member input to a submission they are preparing to the [Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety](#). The RACP advises that quality and safety of aged care is an area of health care in which the RACP has collective expertise, and RACP encourages you to put forward your experience and suggestions on this topical issue so it can develop a high quality effective submission for change.

View the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Royal Commission. Submissions are open until June 2019.

RACP Timeframe:

The Commission will issue an interim report by 31 October 2019, and a final report by 30 April 2020.

The RACP aims to provide a submission by June 2019. Please provide input by COB Tuesday 30 April directly to raccpconsult@raccp.edu.au. The RACP will then collate input, prepare a draft and go back to people for more information and specifics if necessary, and progress to CPAC.

World first registered indication for chronic breathlessness

Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) has shared news of the world-first registered indication for Chronic Breathlessness.

Mayne Pharma International Pty Ltd [announced](#) the listing of Kapanol® low dose sustained-release morphine on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) for the symptomatic reduction of chronic breathlessness.

Much of the research underpinning this listing was conducted in Australia by researchers and clinicians across the country. The PaCCSC, formerly at Flinders University and now based at University of Technology Sydney, has built on work started more than 20 years ago to study the effectiveness and safety of regular, low dose extended-release morphine for the symptomatic reduction of chronic breathlessness.

Congratulations to the PaCCSC and principal investigator, Professor David Currow, on this effort!

Don't Miss Out! Register now for ANZSPM Trainee Day, 30 March | Palmerston North NZ

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

The day is open to 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](#). **Registrations close 27 March! Don't miss out!**

Save the date! ANZSPM Trainee Day, Thursday 6 June 2019 | Gold Coast QLD Australia

An ANZSPM Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows will be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 on the Gold Coast, alongside the Gold Coast Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Service inaugural seminar on Interventional Palliative Care and Medical Updates being held 7-8 June 2019. Mark the date in your diaries – more information will be provided on the ANZSPM website soon!

ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Update and Trainee Day, 27-29 June 2019 | Queenstown, NZ

ANZSPM's 2019 Annual Update will be held **28-29 June** at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown NZ. A Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows will be held on Thursday **27 June**.

This event is open to medical practitioners training or working in palliative care. More details on the event will be published on the ANZSPM [website](#) as it becomes available.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Maxim Institute Events | Auckland, New Zealand

Medical Practitioners Workshop, 27 February, AUT University Auckland

Dying, Death and Wisdom in an age of Denial will be hosted by Dr Kathryn Mannix. The **workshop** will address societal discomfort with the topic of death and dying. For more information and registrations click [here](#). The Facebook event is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/388723428602154/>

Public Panel Discussion, 5 March, AUT University Auckland

Presentation by Dr Kathryn Mannix, Professor Rod Macleod, and Dr Tess Moeke-Maxwell. For more information and registration click [here](#). The Facebook event is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/496504900876032/>

Dr Kathryn Mannix recorded a personal message to ANZSPM members in NZ ahead of her NZ tour, which can be viewed on [ANZSPM's LinkedIn page](#). While you are visiting the page, don't forget to follow ANZSPM if you are on LinkedIn.

caring@home Webinar and South Australian Roadshow

On Thursday 28th March 2019 *caring@home* in collaboration with Safer Care Victoria will present a live 40-minute webinar featuring clinicians discussing their experiences using the *caring@home* resources in the community and taking questions from the audience.

- 3.00pm AEDT (NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT)
- 2.00pm AEST (QLD)
- 2.30pm ACDT (SA)
- 1.30pm ACST (NT)
- 12.00pm AWST (WA)

The presenters are:

- Prof. Liz Reymond - *caring@home* Project Director and Deputy Director, Metro South Palliative Care Service, Metro South Health, Queensland
- Charlotte Coulson - CNC, Integrated Palliative Care Team, Bendigo Health, Victoria
- Fiona Israel - RN, MCouns - Projects, Centre for Palliative Care, Melbourne, Victoria
- Jeremy McKnight - Director, Shannon's Bridge, Victoria
- Dr. Claire Hepper - GP, Creswick and Director, Shannon's Bridge, Victoria.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

South Australian *caring@home* roadshow:

caring@home presents a roadshow in South Australia for health care professionals and organisations involved in supporting people who wish to be cared for and to die at home.

Prof. Liz Reymond will present information about the *caring@home* project.

Tuesday 5 March 2019	15.00 - 16.30	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, 28 Woodville Rd, Woodville South TBC
Wednesday 6 March 2019	08.00 - 09.30	Teal Room 2, Level 4, Rehabilitation, Aged Care & Palliative Care, Flinders Medical Centre, Flinders Drive, Adelaide. Video conferencing available, details TBA
Wednesday 6 March 2019	11.00 - 12.30	Location TBC Video conferencing available, details TBA
Wednesday 6 March 2019	15.00 - 16.30	Modbury Hospital, Smart Rd, Modbury TBC

Register: Email caring@home with your name, profession and session you plan to attend.

More information: [Karen Cooper](#), *caring@home* Project Manager

GP's Education Day "Chronic Pain in Primary Care" in conjunction with NZPS 2019

The GP's Education Day workshop will be held **Wednesday 6 March 2019**. The workshop will focus on pain fundamentals and the day will end with patient specific education seminars.

For more information on the workshop and to register visit the New Zealand Pain Society's [website](#).

ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting, 13-15 May 2019 | Adelaide SA

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.

Gold Coast Supportive & Specialist Palliative Care Service inaugural seminar on Interventional Palliative Care & 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 CNCs 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>. 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 submissions for the 13th APHC have been extended until **Thursday 28 February 2019**. Early bird registrations have also been extended until **Sunday 31 March 2019**.

For more information and submission details visit the APHC [website](#) and/or contact the conference secretariat at aphc2019poster@gmail.com.

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference, 10-13 September 2019 | Perth

Palliative Care Australia in collaboration with Hospice New Zealand has opened registrations for the 2019 Oceanic Palliative Care Conference. Abstract submissions close **Wednesday 6 March** – more information can be found on the [website](#).

ANZSPM will be hosting a study day for trainees and new fellows on Tuesday 10 September and 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

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details!

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