

ANZSPM Member Alert – 19 June 2019

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Government News

VAD Legislation – VIC Australia

The *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017* (Vic) becomes operational from today, meaning Victorians who meet strict eligibility criteria will now be able to request access to voluntary assisted dying.

Members are reminded that the Victorian government has published guidance for medical practitioners here. Additionally, Palliative Care Australia has published a guidance document, *Voluntary Assisted Dying in Australia: Guiding Principles for those providing care for people living with a life-limiting illness*.

These materials are also available in the members' area on our website (VAD resources tab). Also shared in the members' area today is an example of an update to Clinical Practice Guidelines made at one Victorian hospital to address the distinction between palliative medicine practice and the provision of voluntary assisted dying.

RACP Advanced Training Selection and Matching (ATSM) Service

Trainee registrations for the RACPs Advanced Training Selection and Matching (ATSM) service in 2019 are now open.

The ATSM is used by a small number of specialties and locations to advertise positions. All other positions will be advertised on training and recruitment sites.

More information can be found on the [RACP website](#).

RACP Foundation Research Awards

A reminder that over 50 awards with a total value of \$2.5M are available via the RACP across the different categories: Career Development Fellowships, Research Establishment Fellowships, Research Entry Scholarships, Research Development Scholarships, and Travel Grants.

Full details for these opportunities including eligibility and application closing dates are available on the [RACP Foundation Research Awards webpage](#).

REMINDER: ANZSPM Membership Renewals 2019-20 – due 30 June!

An email was sent to members due to renew yesterday inviting renewal of ANZSPM membership for the 2019-20 year. Current memberships expire in less than two weeks on 30 June 2019.

Don't forget to check your membership type and update it if your circumstances have changed, particularly members currently holding a Trainee Membership. Thank you to those members who

have already renewed for 2019-20! For any membership queries please contact:
info@anzspm.org.au

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Webinar 2, Tuesday 16 July 2019

The next Webinar in our series is now open for registration to ANZSPM members only. Details are below.

Please do not share the link for registration outside of the ANZSPM membership at this stage. Registrations will be opened to non-members closer to the date of the webinar to ensure our members have first priority. This will be announced on our website and via our social channels.

Persistent Pain in Paediatric Palliative Care - Dr Anthony Herbert

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Tuesday July 16, 2019 6:00 PM AEST

Topic: ANZSPM - Persistent pain in paediatric palliative care - Dr Anthony Herbert

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://racp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I9U6A8pES9uOGILQngKCLw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot that is being undertaken by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

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

Last chance to register! There are still places available for the ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update 2019 which will be held **28-29 June** at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown NZ, plus a Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows on Thursday **27 June**.

This is a members' only event – new members are welcome, so feel free to share details with your colleagues and encourage them to join ANZSPM. Programme and registration details are available on the ANZSPM website.

ANZSPM Medical & Surgical Update for Palliative Medicine, 26-27 July 2019 | Melbourne VIC Plus Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows, 25 July 2019

Register now to join us in Melbourne next month for:

- Rural & Remote
- Trauma & Disaster
- Addiction
- Assistance in dying
- Pain - the chronic and the older person interface
- Anti-coagulation in end-of-life care
- Respiratory - advanced therapies for advanced disease
- Dual trained consultants - paediatric and adult oncology/palliative medicine interface

On **Thursday 25 July** we have our two pre-conference workshops:

- All day Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows
- RACP Supervisors Workshop (SPDP)

For full program and registration information visit the event website:
www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm19

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 1-2 August 2009 | Sydney NSW

The Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium will canvas multiple topics in Renal Supportive Care including symptom management, advance care planning, moral distress for clinicians, the law and ethics of dialysis withdrawal, indigenous issues and communication skills. Professor Mark Brown, Nephrologist will present "What is new in Renal Supportive Care?" All are welcome. For registration contact Elizabeth Josland: elizabeth.josland@health.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Institute of Palliative Medicine -Annual Palliative Medicine Symposium | Concord Hospital

The theme of this symposium is "Mentoring: building professional development and staff resilience" and facilitated by Liese Groot and Frank Brennan

Day 1 – Open to all includes research session

Day 2 – Medical Only, includes Cautionary tales

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://sipmsymposium2019.eventarc.net/e/42869> or email SLHD-InstitutePalliativeMedicine@health.nsw.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. Early bird registrations 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 WA

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.

ANZSPM Members can access a member discount early bird rate to attend OPCC19. Members simply need to indicate ANZSPM as their member organisation when [registering online](#), in order for the discounts to apply and register **before 29 June!** This is strictly for current ANZSPM members only.

ANZSPM is also holding a half-day Trainee & New Fellow workshop during the conference on the morning of Tuesday 10 September and the ANZSPM AGM will be held during the conference.

Clinical Consultation Skills Retreat, 20-23 October 2019 | Torquay VIC

This retreat is designed specifically to enhance core communication skills and mentoring capabilities for clinical scenarios, including delivering bad news and discussing end-of-life care.

Previous participants have included a range of professional specialties including general practice, palliative medicine and all areas of oncology.

The organisers advise that if you are looking to sharpen your clinical consultation skills in an immersive environment then this could be the retreat for you. Registrations close on Friday 16 August 2019. Further information and registration is available at www.cancervic.org.au/skills-retreat

World Congress on Itch, 17-19 November 2019 | Sydney NSW

The symptom of itch, or pruritus, can be a very disabling. Until the modern era, little was understood about this symptom. In the modern era, a quiet revolution has occurred in the understanding of mechanism and management. This conference will include the work of the world's leading neuroscientists in this area.

To help those new to this science of this symptom a session entitled "Itch for beginners" will be held on the first morning. This will summarise the basic pathophysiology of pruritus and the management of major itch syndromes including uraemic, cholestatic and paraneoplastic pruritus and the pruritus of cutaneous T-cell lymphomas. This is the first time this Congress has been held in Australasia and is an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding of pruritus.

Registration and details are at www.ifs2019.com.au/.

Renal Supportive Care Masterclass | 29 November 2019 | St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

The aim of the 1-day RSC Masterclass is to provide clinicians with an educational event using the highest level of evidence drawn from the national and international literature combined with local experience in Renal Supportive Care.

The target audience is Nephrology and Palliative Care Physicians, advanced trainees, nursing, management and allied health professionals with an interest in Renal Supportive Care.

To register your interest and for further information please email Kathryn Ducharlet at Kathryn.Ducharlet@svha.org.au

2020 Australian Pain Society 40th Annual Scientific Meeting | 5-8 April 2020 | Hobart TAS

This is the only multidisciplinary conference in Australia offering insights into the complex nature of pain management from a variety of medical, nursing and allied health perspectives.

The Australian Pain Society continues to align their conference theme with the IASP Global Year; in 2020 this is, 'The IASP Global Year for the Prevention of Pain'. The program will be full of inspiring national and international speakers who will provide a veritable glance at the most complex, challenging, provocative and indeed interesting topic: Pain.

Further information is at www.dccconferences.com.au/aps2020/

Careers

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

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