

ANZSPM Member Alert – 8 August 2019

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RACP Webinar: Impact of Medical Assistance in Dying legislation in Canada, 9 August 2019

All RACP members are invited to attend a webinar **tomorrow 9 August 2019** (12 noon NZST, 10am AEST) presented by the President of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians (CSPCP), Dr Leonie Herx. Some of ANZSPM's NZ members may have seen Dr Herx present while in NZ earlier this year.

Dr Herx will share her own views on the impact of Medical Assistance in Dying legislation on medical practice in Canada to enable balanced discussion of this important issue.

President of the CSPCP, Dr Herx is also the Divisional Chair of the Division of Palliative Medicine and Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Queen's University, Ontario. She co-founded the new Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Subspecialty Program in Palliative Medicine and is the Vice-Chair of the RCPSC Specialty Committee in Palliative Medicine.

The RACP respects and supports all its members and does not believe it is appropriate or possible to enforce a single view on a matter where individual conscience is important.

View the RACP [Voluntary Assisted Dying Statement](#).

To join the webinar, visit the RACP events page for 9 August (you can find Events under the News and Events tab on the RACP website).

Expressions of Interest – RACP Fellowship Committee Specialty Society Representative

A reminder that ANZSPM has been advised of an opportunity for a RACP Fellow who is a Specialty Society member to join the RACP Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee is a peak RACP Board Committee that works closely with all College bodies to support the enhancement of services to Members and identify ways to increase the engagement of Members across the College. The Fellowship Committee meets four times per year; twice face to face and twice via teleconference.

The RACP invites College Fellows belonging to a Specialty Society to submit an EOI for this opportunity. If you are interested in being involved, please complete an expression of interest form and submit it to Fellowship.Committee@racp.edu.au by tomorrow **9 August 2019**.

Further details of the vacancy are available through the following link:

<https://www.racp.edu.au/expressions-of-interest/fellowship-committee-specialty-society-representative>.

New IAHP Resource: *Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide - Are they Clinically Necessary or Desirable*, Dr Roger Woodruff

ANZSPM member Dr Roger Woodruff recently published a booklet on the IAHP website “Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide - Are They Clinically Necessary or Desirable?”

A link to the booklet is available from the ANZSPM website Members Area under the VAD resources tab here. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to the section for **International resources/links**.

caring@home project – seeking Vietnamese translators

The caring@home (www.caringathomeproject.com.au) project is looking for palliative medicine specialists or trainees to review some resources for carers being translated into Vietnamese. caring@home has produced resources for carers to support carers to help manage breakthrough symptoms safely using subcutaneous medicines.

A company that uses accredited translators have been contracted to do the work but the project has also requested the opportunity to have a health care professional, who is a native speaker of the language, to review the translation and subtitles.

The work would be expected to be completed in August/September. A stipend is offered for this work of \$800 + GST upon receipt of an invoice.

The work is to review the following after they come back from the translating service:

- Subtitles on five short videos <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/tabid/5182/Default.aspx>
- Review translation of the:
 - Handbook for carers* <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/caringathome-Handbook-WEB.pdf>
 - Medicines diary* <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Medicines-diary-WEB.pdf>
 - Fridge chart* <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Colour-coded-fridge-chart-WEB.pdf>
 - DL information brochure* <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Information-for-carers.pdf>

If you are interested in undertaking this work, please contact Karen Cooper, Project Manager for caring@home on E: Karen.Cooper3@health.qld.gov.au or M: 0428422818.

ANZSPM Webinar Series recordings

The ANZSPM Webinar Series is being delivered over June to November 2019 as part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot offered by the RACP in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

The second Webinar – *Persistent Pain in Paediatric Palliative Care* with Dr Anthony Herbert was held on 16 July 2019. A link for the recording of this webinar is now available in the ANZSPM members area under “Past Events” (log in to view the link). It will also be available to RACP members on the RACP website shortly.

RACP Event – Gender Equity in Medicine, 20 August 2019

RACP members are invited to the Gender Equity in Medicine meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2019 to showcase important gender equity initiatives and discuss the roles our College and membership can play to promote gender equity. Spaces are limited, so please register [here](#) by Thursday, 15 August to avoid disappointment.

Reminder: ANZSPM Membership expired 30 June – renewals now due!

Thank you to the 445 members who have already renewed their ANZSPM membership for 2019-20! If you haven't yet renewed for 2019-20, please note that your current membership expired on 30 June 2019 and after 30 September you will no longer be a financial member of ANZSPM. Please contact info@anzspm.org.au for any membership queries.

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

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Webinar 3 – Behavioural symptoms of dementia, Tues 13 August 2019 | Online

The next webinar in our series is now open for registration to both ANZSPM members and non-members:

Behavioural symptoms of Dementia – Professor Brian Draper & Professor Sue Kurrie

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Tuesday 13 August 2019, 6:00 PM AEST

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://racp.zoom.us/webinar/register/be7599241ee779f9d746f627e8486654>

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 Conference 2020, 17 – 20 September 2019 | Auckland, NZ

The ANZSPM Conference 2020 will be held at the Pullman, Auckland from 17 to 20 September 2020. A call for EOIs to join the conference organising committee went out to members recently. If you would like to join the committee, please email info@anzspm.org.au for information or submit your EOI form directly to submissions@anzspm.org.au.

More details to come: www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20.

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

Canberra Writers Festival – A Good Death | 24 August 2019 | Canberra

ANZSPM member, Dr Suharsha Kanathigoda will be a speaker at this event together with journalist of the blog good-grief.com.au Margaret Rice and moderated by Dr Catie Gilchrist. For more info: <https://www.canberrawritersfestival.com.au/program>

WA Palliative Care Summit 2019, 24 August 2019 | Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Aim: The aim of the summit is to bring stakeholders, health professionals, GP's, primary care, consumers and the community together. The summit will inform the way palliative is developed and resourced to achieve high quality palliative care for all Western Australians.

Purpose: To discuss the recommendations relating to palliative care.

Topics: Palliative care recommendations of the Joint Select Committee's My Life, My Choice report.

Time: 7am - Breakfast session with presentations from the Chairs of the Ministerial Expert Panels on Voluntary Assisted Dying and Advance Health Directives.

9am –World café style workshops.

Registration: You can book your place at this [link](#)

Webinar: Webinar will be held prior to the event on **19 August 2019** for stakeholders who are unable to attend.

Mental Capacity Law Conference 2019 | Sep 2019 | New Zealand (various dates and locations)

The conferences are aimed at lawyers, health professionals and others working with people who may have capacity to make certain decisions. To request further information, or to register for the conference see www.mentalcapacitylaw.eventbrite.co.nz, email athenaeducationlimited@gmail.com or phone Iris Ruevecamp on 021869361

Sydney Institute of Palliative Medicine - Annual Palliative Medicine Symposium | 2-3 Sep 2019 | 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

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.

Members can indicate ANZSPM as their member organisation when [registering online](#), for a member discount. This is strictly for current financial 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.

Registrations close 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

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

Building Palliative Care Clinical Research in New Zealand Workshop | 14 February 2020 | Wellington
IMPACCT (University of Technology) in conjunction with Capital and Coast District Health Board (NZ) and Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) are running a workshop to introduce clinical research to new or experienced researchers in New Zealand.

Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in learning more about PaCCSC and conducting clinical research in palliative care. The workshop will be multi-disciplinary in focus.

Symptoms of Focus – Pain, Fatigue, Breathlessness, Appetite & Cachexia, Nausea, Cognitive & Neurological Disorders, Gut Dysfunction

A call for new study concepts will open in November 2019. Online registration will open soon via Eventbrite. Contact PaCCSC@uts.edu.au for more information

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.dconferences.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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