

ANZSPM Member Alert – 28 August 2019

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Government News

AUS: Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) update on prescription opioids

The TGA has provided an update on upcoming changes with respect to prescription opioids: <https://www.tga.gov.au/alert/prescription-opioids>

ANZSPM continues to have representation with the TGA to ensure a strong presence for palliative medicine on this issue.

The TGA has also published a resource kit on returning unused opioids which may be useful for example in working with bereaved family members: <https://www.tga.gov.au/publication/return-your-unused-opioids-resource-kit>

AUS: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019 WA

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019 which was introduced into Parliament on 7 August is available for download [here](#).

Please refer to the parliamentary website for updates on the Bill's progress through Parliament.

Reminder: ANZSPM Membership expired 30 June – RENEWALS NOW DUE!

It's renewal time. Your ANZSPM membership provides access to the following benefits:

- **Biennial conference and other major ANZSPM events:** attend at a reduced registration fee.
- **ANZSPM Newsletter:** three editions per year with detail of ANZSPM's activities and a range of interesting and educational articles relevant to our members.
- **Reduced subscription fees on select journals**
- **Regular member email updates:** providing timely and current information about news and events of interest to palliative medicine practitioners.
- **At least two trainee days per year:** providing trainees with a much needed opportunity for sharing training experiences and educational materials.
- **Member-only content:** the Members' area of the website includes a member contact list, member notices, presentations from past events and other resources.
- **Trainee awards:** for best presentation at nominated conferences.
- **Network and get involved:** opportunity to connect with fellow members, contribute to events and policy development, and join committees and special interest groups.
- **EAPC membership:** access to membership (and associated benefits) of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) via ANZSPM's national association membership.

Thank you to the 456 members who have already renewed their ANZSPM membership for 2019-20! If you haven't renewed, please note that your current membership expired on 30 June 2019 and after 30 September 2019 you will no longer be a financial member of ANZSPM. Please contact info@anzspm.org.au with 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.

Hospice NZ Standards for Palliative Care

In May, Hospice New Zealand launched the Standards for Palliative Care (Fourth Edition) 2019 after an extensive consultation and review process involving all hospices services in New Zealand.

The Standards have been developed to support all hospice services to deliver consistent and best quality palliative and end of life care for people regardless of locality and diagnosis. There are 9 Standards including assessment of needs, grief support and bereavement care and culture within an organisation. The vision for the Standards is that they support hospice services continuous quality improvement approach to service planning.

In the first instance they are written solely for hospice palliative care providers, but the long-term vision is that other providers of palliative care across many settings will adopt or use the Standards.

You can view the Standards at <https://www.hospice.org.nz/resources/standards-for-palliative-care/>. Please contact Hospice New Zealand (04 3810266) if you would like further information.

Call for EOIs: ACRE Guidance Writing Group

The RACP has advised ANZSPM that the Australian Centre for Cannabinoid Clinical and Research Excellence (ACRE) are establishing a Guidance Writing Group to lead work on guidelines with an ethical focus on clinical trials using medicinal cannabis.

The Guidance Writing Group will work together to develop and write a publication that would serve as a guidance piece for Ethics Committees and Governance Officers on the use of cannabinoids as an investigational product in clinical trials. This has been identified as a priority based on experiences of seeking Human Ethics approval for trials involving cannabis medicines.

Expressions of Interest are invited from people who are actively engaged in cannabis research and have a suitable knowledge base, including but not limited to:

- Clinicians and medical practitioners
- Cannabis researchers and research groups
- Clinical Trial Managers and Support Staff

To apply

If you would like to express interest in being on the Guidance Writing Group, or require further information, please email ACRE-contact@newcastle.edu.au. Please include a short summary of your relevant experience in terms of cannabinoids and clinical trials. Expressions of Interest are requested by **COB Friday 30 August**.

For the Terms of Reference please email ACRE-contact@newcastle.edu.au. **Please note that member participation on this project would be in an individual capacity.**

ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update June 2019 – Speaker presentations now available

The speaker presentations from the June 2019 Aotearoa Update are now available in the ANZSPM members area under “Past Events” (please log in to view the link).

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 third Webinar – *Behavioural Symptoms of Dementia* with Professor Brian Draper and Professor Sue Kurrle was held on 13 August 2019. A link to the recording of this webinar is now available in the ANZSPM members area under “Past Events” (please log in to view the link). It will also be available to RACP members on the RACP website shortly.

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Half-Day Trainee & New Fellows Workshop, Tues 10 September 2019 | Perth, WA

ANZSPM is holding a half-day Trainee & New Fellow workshop during the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference in Perth on the morning of Tuesday 10 September. Join us to hear from:

- Dr Lisa Miller - Distinguishing Distress, Depression and Demoralisation in Palliative Care
- Dr Frank Brennan – Renal Supportive Care: An Overview
- Dr Sarah Wenham – Challenges and Rewards of Rural/Remote Palliative Medicine
- Dr Sarah Wenham – Repatriation Home to Country at the End of Life

ANZSPM Annual General Meeting, Thursday 12 September 2019 | Perth, WA

The ANZSPM AGM will be held during the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference from 7.30am on Thursday 12 September 2019.

The notice of meeting documents can be found on the Members Area Noticeboard. Additional background information about the proposed change from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee and adoption of a new constitution is also available in the Members Area tab: Corporate resources. If you have any questions about the process and the reasons we have proposed this change, please contact CEO Simone Carton (simone.carton@anzspm.org.au).

If you haven't yet RSVP'd for catering purposes, please email info@anzspm.org.au as soon as possible.

ANZSPM Webinar 4 – Supporting palliative care practice, Tues 24 September 2019 | Online

The next webinar in our series is now open for registration, initially to ANZSPM members only – registrations will be opened to non-members closer to the event to enable members to have first priority. Members are requested not to share the link outside the membership at this stage.

Supporting palliative care practice - Liese Groot-Alberts

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Sep 24, 2019 5:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Topic: ANZSPM- Supporting palliative care practice - Liese Groot-Alberts

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://racp.zoom.us/webinar/register/1f60f9dc637325ebdc2040ba88984b7b>

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.

Save the date: ANZSPM Conference 2020, 17 – 20 September 2020 | Auckland, NZ

The ANZSPM Conference 2020 will be held at the Pullman, Auckland from 17 to 20 September 2020. A call for EOs to join the conference organising committee went out to members recently and we thank you for those members that responded.

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

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

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.

2019 Tasmanian Palliative Care Conference, 14-15 November 2019 | Hobart

This event will bring together the leaders in palliative care from across the State and nationally, for a two-day discussion on the future of the sector and how we can work together to ensure the best possible services for all Tasmanians with a life-limiting illness. Register [here](#).

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.

Registrations are now open [here](#). There will be 10% off for trainees, students and Renal Society of Australasia members (enter 10PCOFF in the Promocode box)

For further information please email centre.palliativecare@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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