

ANZSPM eNews – 23 January 2020

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Upcoming highlights in 2020

Welcome to our first eNews in 2020, we hope you had a restful break and look forward to working together with you this year.

2020 is going to be another exciting year for ANZSPM with our **Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat in April 2020** taking place in **Lower Hut, Wellington** and our **ANZSPM Conference 2020 in September 2020 in Auckland**. If you are interested in attending these events, please find more information below or on our website.

Government News

AUS: New Department of Health Secretary

The hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health announced that Ms Glenys Beauchamp PSM, Secretary of the Department of Health since September 2017 will retire with effect from 28 February 2020. The current Chief Medical Officer, Professor Brendan Murphy, is being recommended for appointment as the new Secretary and will begin his new role in March 2020. For more information please visit the [Department of Health website](#).

AUS: Department of Health webinar: Update on new aged care assessment arrangements

This webinar on **Wednesday 12 February 2020** will provide an update on the development of new aged care assessment arrangements and address common themes arising from stakeholder questions during the December 2019 webinar. The new arrangements are intended to start from April 2021 and aim to provide a streamlined process for consumers to access aged care services. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the new arrangements from representatives from the Department of Health. To be notified about this and other upcoming webinars, please [subscribe to the aged care e-newsletter](#).

AUS: Department of Health 'Take Home Naloxone Pilot' Launched

Pain Australia is working with the Department of Health to promote the new Take Home Naloxone Pilot. The Australian Government is investing \$10 million in a Take Home Naloxone Pilot. Under the pilot, naloxone will be available for free to people who may either experience, or witness, an opioid overdose. No prescription will be required. For more information please visit [Pain Australia's website](#) or [Department of Health's website](#).

Closing tomorrow 24 January 2020!

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety consultation on Aged Care system re-design

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is inviting submissions from interested individuals and organisations on the future design of the aged care system. The Commission released a [consultation paper](#) called [Aged Care Program redesign: Services for the future](#) exploring options for future design of aged care programs. Submissions are sought on key questions about the design of

the aged care system. Submissions close on **Friday, 24 January 2020** COB and should be made via email to: ACRCProgramDesign@royalcommission.gov.au

NZ: Medicinal Cannabis Scheme

Regulations to enable a Medicinal Cannabis Scheme were passed by Cabinet on the 18 December 2019. You can read the regulations [here](#). These regulations will come into effect on 1 April 2020 where a medicinal cannabis agency will be established to administer the Scheme. Additionally, the NZ Ministry of Health is providing information on the Scheme on its [website](#). There is new information here about the licensing scheme and minimum quality standards, further information on other aspects of the Scheme will be published as it becomes available next year.

Other News

External Expression of Interest (Eoi): Want to make a difference in Cancer Care in South Australia?

Apply for membership on the South Australia Cancer Network Steering Committee now! Expressions of Interest for membership on the statewide Cancer Clinical Network Steering Committee are now open. If you are passionate about improving care for patients and their carers and families, and have experience in Cancer settings, you should consider applying. CEIH are looking for broad representation from metropolitan and rural areas, public and private sectors and consumers and carers. Applications close on **Friday 14 February 2020**. More information, including how to apply, is available on the [CEIH website](#).

ANZSPM Updates

ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant

Applications are open until 2 March 2020 for the [ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant for 2019-20](#)! The grant has been established to support ANZSPM members living in rural and remote regions to attend a major ANZSPM educational event. Applications are invited for support to attend our next major event, the [ANZSPM Conference 2020](#) in Auckland, New Zealand from 17-20 September 2020. A total pool of \$5,000AUD is available in this initial grant round and will be allocated in accordance with the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant Guidelines and Terms & Conditions. If you are interested in applying, please read the Guidelines and Terms & Conditions and fill in the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant Application Form, both available on our website [here](#). Your completed application form should be forwarded to ANZSPM by email to: info@anzspm.org.au no later than **2 March 2020**.

All ANZSPM Webinar recordings are now available online

The recordings of all ANZSPM webinars held in 2019 are now available. The recordings can be found behind the RACP member login here [ANZSPM](#) or on YouTube (link unsearchable) here https://youtu.be/werAEfIEB10_

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat – 3-5 April 2020: Register NOW!

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee is hosting a multidisciplinary team retreat over three days on the theme “Exploring resilience within palliative and end of life care” in April 2020.

Where: Silverstream Retreat, 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Lower Hutt Wellington, NZ

Who: Suitable for all professionals working in palliative care.

What: The aim of the retreat is to allow you to return to your place of work affirmed, invigorated, motivated and refreshed.

More information, including program and pricing, is available on the ANZSPM website’s [events page](#). To enquire about the retreat please email nzadmin@anzspm.org.au



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. Our theme for 2020 is *Palliative Care in an Uncertain World*. More details coming soon: www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20.

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:



2020 Annual Conferences and Study Days (paid advertisement)

Education and research has been key to Sobell House's drive to improve end of life care for over 30 years. The Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care: Sobell House offer an annual programme of study days, courses and conferences on a variety of topics for health and social care practitioners, both local to Oxfordshire and from an international audience.

Dates for the Diary

Annual conferences

OXFORD ADVANCED PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COURSES 2020

Pay online before 14th February 2020, Cost £495,

From the 15th February 2020, Cost £550

Newcastle-upon-Tyne	11-12 June	Nottingham	24-25 June
Oxford 1	02-03 July	Oxford 2	09-10 July

ENHANCED COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING

23-24 April 2020

4-5 June 2020

24-25 September 2020

8-9 October 2020

19-20 November 2020

Cost: £550

For further information and booking online: www.sobelleducation.org.uk

Building Palliative Care Clinical Research in NZ Workshop, 14 February 2020 | Wellington NZ

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

Online registration is open [here](#). Contact PaCCSC@uts.edu.au for more information

CST Annual Research Forum 2020: Vision 2030: Cancer Symptom Trials | 18 February 2020 | Sydney, NSW

Calling all researchers, health professionals and consumer representatives with an interest in cancer symptom management and supportive care. Expand your research and interdisciplinary networks and hear from accomplished guest speakers and discussion panels as well as the chairs of four of our symptom node subcommittees. Register now for the [CST Annual Research Forum 2020](#) to be held on 18 February 2020 at the Aerial UTS Function Centre.

Advanced European bioethics course “Suffering, Death & Palliative Care”, 24-27 March 2020 | Netherlands

The aim is to educate participants on a range of ethical issues related to suffering and dying, palliative care and medically assisted death. The key-note lecture will be held by Els van Wijngaarden PhD, associate professor and researcher, Dept. of Care Ethics, University for Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

More information [here](#). Direct registration: [registration](#). Contact: Valesca Hulsman: Valesca.Hulsman@radboudumc.nl

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

EUROPALL2020: European Conference on Controversies in Palliative Care | 23-24 April 2020 | Vienna, Austria

This conference will address a large number of controversial issues faced by multidisciplinary professionals across Europe in their everyday clinical practice. The aim is having frank, open and even provocative debates with a world-renowned panel of experts from various disciplines to ultimately form a consensus on how best to manage different complex questions in palliative care. Further information is at <https://europall2020.com>

2020 Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference | 3-4 May 2020 | Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

This biennial conference brings together Australian and New Zealand nurses with an interest in delivering high quality, contemporary palliative care. The two-day conference is the perfect forum for nurses and other health professionals to seek new knowledge, become familiar with new products and services to the industry, and to identify opportunities to translate the best evidence into clinical and academic excellence. Networking, debating and socialising with peers adds a further dimension to the experience. With several plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops, the structure of the conference provides the ideal environment for these activities to occur. More information at <https://www.pcna2020.org/>

Save the Date: Better Together - Connecting Palliative and Aged Care | 21 May 2020 | SA

The Palliative Care South Australia biennial conference will be held on 21 May 2020 with a focus on aged care. While the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has brought a great deal of

attention to the issues in the sector including palliative care, this conference seeks to bring together consumers/carers, the aged and palliative care sectors to show some of the good things that are happening. Better Together aims to bring the community and workforce together so that we can better understand each other's services and needs. More information about the conference will be available early next year. Email pallcare@pallcare.asn.au or call on 8271 643.

NPS: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) | 21 May 2020 | Sydney, NSW

NPS MedicineWise is hosting its next National Medicines Symposium (NMS) on 21 May 2020 in Sydney. Held every two years, the NMS program is designed to provide the latest content in the medicines and health environment and is delivered by acclaimed experts. For any enquiries please email nms@expertevents.com.au

12th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society | 13-17 July 2020, Melbourne Australia

Global leaders will take the stage sharing the latest research in grief and bereavement care, and clinical practice. For more information and registrations please visit www.icgb2020.com

Careers

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

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