

## ANZSPM Member Alert – 28 June 2018

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### Government news

#### Consultation on End of Life Choices in the ACT

ANZSPM President, Prof Meera Agar, and Dr Michael Chapman appeared before the Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT in a public hearing on 1 June. The ACT Minister for Health Meegan Fitzharris appeared immediately afterwards.

Links to the public hearing recordings are now available on the [ACT Legislative Assembly page](#) (view the video at Committees – Hearings – Select Committee on End of Life Choices Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

The consultation received 487 written submissions, which are now published on the Committee website. ANZSPM's submission can also be viewed on the [ANZSPM website](#). Further information about this inquiry can be found at: [End of Life Choices in the ACT](#).

#### Consultation on End of Life Choice Bill (David Seymour Bill) NZ

ANZSPM Aotearoa Chair, Dr Salina Iupati, appeared before the Justice Committee on behalf of ANZSPM on the afternoon of Monday 11 June in Wellington to give an oral submission on the End of Life Choice Bill.

Links to the public hearing recordings are now available on the Justice Committee Facebook page.

- The first Monday session: <https://www.facebook.com/JUSCNZ/videos/2000264159986720>
- The second Monday session: <https://www.facebook.com/JUSCNZ/videos/2000517283294741/>

You do not need a Facebook account in order to view these links.

Over 35,000 submissions were received by the committee. ANZSPM's submission can be viewed on our [website](#). Further information about the End of Life Choice Bill can be found on the [NZ Parliament website](#).

### ANZSPM Workforce Survey

The ANZSPM Workforce Survey 2017 – Summary of Results (previously shared in the last ANZSPM Newsletter) is now available in the [ANZSPM Members Area](#). You will need to login to access the Members' Area. Please note that this is **Member Only content**.

### RACP Expressions of Interest sought for Working Group

The RACP is seeking expressions of interest for representatives on the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's (IHPA) Subacute Care Working Group (SCWG).

If you are interested in applying, please respond to the criteria below and provide your CV by **close of business Thursday 12 July** directly to the RACP: [RACPConsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:RACPConsult@racp.edu.au). Please note this is a strict deadline.

**Selection criteria:**

Please state how your knowledge, qualifications, experience and personal attributes apply to each criterion below:

- Reason for interest in representing the College on the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's (IHPA) Subacute Care Working Group (SCWG).
- Please briefly detail your expertise and current work relevant to the area of subacute care.
- Do you have any previous or current professional or personal connections that may give cause for perceived conflict of interest with IHPA?

Please note any appointed member will have their contact details and/or CV shared with the external body unless we are asked not to.

**Background:**

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) was established in December 2011 by the National Health Reform Act 2011 (the NHR Act). IHPA is an independent statutory authority whose primary role is to determine a national efficient price for public hospital services.

IHPA develops and reviews national health and hospital classification systems to be used to classify activity in public hospitals for the purposes of Activity Based Funding.

The Subacute Care Working Group (SCWG) was established to develop a work program on approaches to the classification and costing of subacute and non-acute care activities undertaken within public hospitals.

The draft of the next iteration of the SCWG's Terms of Reference (this can be emailed separately on request to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au)) indicates that the group will focus on providing advice on:

- The development and refinement of the national classification system to be used to classify subacute and non-acute care activity in public hospitals for activity-based funding (ABF) purposes
- The determination of the data requirements, collection and coding standards for subacute and non-acute care services required from states and territories for ABF purposes
- The pricing of subacute and non-acute care in engagement with IHPA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**The SCWG requires the following RACP representation:**

- Up to two rehabilitation specialists
- Up to two geriatrician specialists
- Up to two palliative care specialists
- One paediatric specialist

**Term and commitment:**

- Next meeting date: TBC (estimated late August-early September)
- Term of RACP representative appointment: 2 years (this is a College imposed term aligned to the standard term as outlined on the Governance of College Bodies By-law. Representative's terms will be reviewed at the end of two years and considered against the SCWG's progress and ongoing workplan)
- Roughly every 2 months via video conference (we are expected to receive confirmation of dates for the rest of the year in due course)
- Please note that this is a self-funded appointment, with meetings to be held via video conference

### RACP Expressions of Interest for CLS Course Coordinator and Regional Coordinator

The RACP is seeking applications for the roles of College Learning Series (CLS) Course Coordinator (Adult Medicine), and Regional Coordinator (Adult Medicine) are now open.

[Adult Medicine – Course Coordinator](#) (Closing date Friday 13 July)

[Adult Medicine – Regional Coordinators](#) (Closing date Friday 13 July – multiple positions)

The College Learning Series is an expansion of the widely successful Physician Education Program (PEP), coordinated by Professor Judy Savige for the past 20 years. We are seeking clinical leadership to continue this wonderful legacy, and expand the program bi-nationally.

Interested Fellows are encouraged to apply, or to recommend the positions to suitable colleagues. It's a great time to become involved as there's a comprehensive support structure from within RACP, massive exposure to trainees, and flexibility in the kind of content we deliver.

Please direct any queries to the Program Manager, Mike Davidson at [CLS@racp.edu.au](mailto:CLS@racp.edu.au).

### Support for Rural Specialists – Funding Offer

Are you an RACP Fellow who lives and works in rural and remote Australia? Did you know you can access grants worth up to \$10,000 to boost your professional development. For details visit the [RACP website](#) or [Support for Rural Specialists in Australia](#).

**Applications for Funding Round 3 are now open. Application window 1 June – 31 August 2018.**

### ANZSPM Conference 2018

### Early Bird registration extended!

Join us in Sydney this September for the ANZSPM Conference 2018: *New Frontiers!* The conference will be held **Thursday 6 September to Sunday 9 September** at the Novotel Sydney Manly-Pacific on Sydney's beautiful northern beaches, with a packed [program](#) of workshops, plenary and break-out sessions.

**Early bird registration has now been extended – register by 6 JULY to access the discounted rates!** To view the full program and registration details, visit the conference website — [www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18](http://www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18).

### ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update & Trainee Day

We look forward to welcoming members to Wellington for the Trainee Day tomorrow and Annual Education Update on Saturday and Sunday.

### Other Events for your diary

A calendar of events for 2018 is available on the ANZSPM website [events pages](#). Information is provided on the ANZSPM website [events calendar](#) as it becomes available. If you know of an event of interest to members that is not already listed, please email details to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au).

### The Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium 5-6 July 2018, St George Hospital Sydney

#### The Care of the Conservatively Managed Patient with End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD)

A critical aspect of Renal Supportive Care is the care of patients where a non-dialysis pathway is recommended or chosen. This 2 day symposium is directed to all doctors and other health professionals working in Palliative Medicine and Nephrology. It will cover multiple areas including decision making around whether or not to commence dialysis, symptom management, advance care planning, communication skills, the role of Community Palliative Care, care of the dying patient and bereavement.

Location: St George Hospital, Kogarah, Sydney.

Contact for registration: Elizabeth Josland at [Elizabeth.Josland@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Josland@health.nsw.gov.au)

### **The Cranlana Programme Ageing and Society Symposium 12-13 July 2018, Toorak Melbourne**

The Cranlana Programme extends a warm invitation to members of ANZSPM to attend the forthcoming Ageing and Society symposium.

The annual symposium is designed for those who work with ageing patients in difficult situations, where the correct ethical course may seem difficult to determine, or who bear the moral load for their organisation. For some twenty-five years, Cranlana has helped leaders in government, business and community better understand the demands of their work and cultivated their reason and judgement. Our aim is to help people on a practical level to, in Aristotle's words, make the right decision, for the right reason, at the right time. Over two days we grapple with challenges to do with an ageing community, examine what is being demanded of you by your profession, and explore how you should respond. The symposium is a rare opportunity for critical reflection in a private environment among peers.

Does it work? Our alumni tell us that through our programmes, their purpose is clarified, that they build the moral courage to back their decisions, and that the period of time away from the office to reflect brings a renewed vigour and clarity to their work.

The cost is \$3814 (incl GST). To learn more and to accept this invitation please complete the registration form at [www.cranlana.org.au](http://www.cranlana.org.au).

Alternatively please call 03 9827 2660 to discuss the programme further. Places are limited.

### **2018 Australasian Palliative Link International Forum 5 September 2018, UTS Sydney**

The 2018 Australasian Palliative Link International Forum will be held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 (adjacent to the ANZSPM Conference) from 8:30am to 3:15pm at The University of Technology Sydney

The APLI annual forum is an opportunity to learn about the work that is being done to help with development of palliative care in our neighbouring countries and meet like-minded clinicians who share a passion for global health. This year the program will include presentations from volunteer mentors Sarah Begley and Joan Ryan. Brett Sutton will provide an update on palliative care in humanitarian aid settings and emergencies and Delamy Keall will discuss her three-month advanced training placement in Kerala. We will also hear from Pallium India project officer Shalini AJ.

For more information, please contact Anil Tandon [chairman@apli.net.au](mailto:chairman@apli.net.au). To register, please click on [this link](#). Cost \$50 per person with Indian buffet lunch provided.

## **Aukahatia** **Fostering Resilience**

**23rd Hospice New Zealand Palliative Care Conference**  
19-21 September 2018 / Auckland, New Zealand

Aukahatia – Fostering Resilience, the 23rd Hospice NZ Palliative Care Conference, is the premier New Zealand based conference on the 2018 calendar and is a must attend for any healthcare professional involved in palliative care. The conference will take place from Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 September at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland. Aukahatia honours and reinforces the importance of strength and resilience when it comes to the end of life. Strength and resilience is essential at an organisational and community level for those providing or using palliative care services.

This is your opportunity to hear from top international and New Zealand based speakers and network with over 300 palliative care professionals from a range of disciplines. The conference will be strategic,

practical and forward thinking. During the conference, delegates will be reminded of the importance and need to be part of a strong team and community to provide excellent end of life care to patients their families and whanau.

#### Key Dates

Registration open                      End of May 2018  
Early Bird Registration closes      Friday 27 July 2018

#### Who should attend?

Everyone is welcome, but the conference is aimed at health care professionals working for hospice (doctors, nurses, members of the multidisciplinary team) as well as GP's, district nurses, researchers, educators, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, counsellors, social workers, art therapists, staff from DHB's, and people working in aged residential care and primary care.

For all registration information, please click [here](#). Please note that we do have the option for one day registrations for those who are unable to commit to the full conference.

For further information regarding the conference, please click [here](#).

#### **2019 Australian Pain Society 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting 7-10 April 2019, Gold Coast**

The year 2019 invites a different posture, as we gather to extend the gains of 2018 while reflecting on The IASP Year Against Pain in the Most Vulnerable. The Scientific Program Committee has curated a stellar cast of not-to-be-missed national and international speakers including: Professor Beth Darnall (Department of Anesthesiology, Stanford University: prevention of post surgical pain, targeted psychological strategies, opioid reduction); Dr Nanna Finnerup (Department of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University, Denmark: pathophysiology and therapy of neuropathic pain); and Professor Tor Wager (Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience laboratory, University of Colorado: neurophysiology of pain and emotion, affective learning, and brain-body communication). We look forward to seeing you all as we learn and share in 2019!

Visit the [website](#) or contact: Conference Secretariat: DC Conferences, 02 9954 4400  
or [aps2019@dcconferences.com.au](mailto:aps2019@dcconferences.com.au)

#### Careers

A number of positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website - visit the ANZSPM [Jobs](#) pages for details.

#### 2018-19 Membership Renewals

A reminder that the current membership year expires this Saturday, 30 June 2018. If you haven't yet renewed for the 2018-19 year, please login on the ANZSPM website and follow the prompts to renew now. **Don't forget to check that your details, including your current membership type is correct (if no changes, click "Update" to be redirected to the payment gateway).**

Membership inquiries should be directed to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au).

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