

# ANZSPM Member Alert – November 2018

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## **Aotearoa June Update and September Melbourne Conference Speaker Presentations.**

The speaker presentations are now available on the ANZSPM website in the Members Area under “Past Events”

## **Reminder – ANZSPM Respiratory Palliative Care SIG survey**

On 30 October 2018 ANZSPM wrote to members regarding a request from Professor Jennifer Phillip for voluntary member participation in a survey:

*A Study to examine and map current access to breathlessness management and palliative care for patients with advanced, non-malignant, respiratory disease.*

The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nmlpallcare>

It will be available on the ANZSPM website for another two weeks.

## **Expressions of Interest – RACP Fellowship Committee Speciality Society**

The RACP has contacted ANZSPM about an opportunity that has arisen 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 successful candidate will work collegiately with other Members to make recommendations to the Board on important issues that will impact all Members of the College. Areas that the Fellowship Committee is responsible for include:

- Oversight of development of member services
- Developing processes to support the pastoral care needs of Fellows
- Engagement surveys to assess the engagement of members and their satisfaction with College services
- The College's cultural assets, including the History of Medicine Library College Congress, Ceremony and College wide celebrations and events
- The process of awarding Honorary Fellowships, College awards and Medals
- Management of the College elections and generic rules and guidelines as appropriate

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 the attached expression of interest form and submit it to [Fellowship.Committee@racp.edu.au](mailto:Fellowship.Committee@racp.edu.au) by 30 November 2018.

Further details of the vacancy are available through the following link: <https://www.racp.edu.au/expressions-of-interest/racp-fellowship-committee-specialty-society-representative>

### **Legislation for voluntary assisted dying in WA to be introduced**

The West Australian Government has announced it will introduce a Bill to legalise voluntary assisted dying for patients suffering from a terminal illness as recommended by the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices.

An expert panel has been appointed to develop the Bill. It is expected the Bill will be ready to be introduced into Parliament next year. For more information, view the [Media Statement](#).

### **Dementia services survey – Department of Health**

The Department of Health is seeking voluntary participation in a survey to assess how effective Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Services (DBMAS) & Dementia Training Program (DTP) are in meeting the needs of people with dementia.

The Department is seeking participation from nurses, allied health professionals, personal care workers and managers in aged care who:

- work with people living with dementia in residential aged care or in the community
- have had any exposure to either DBMAS or DTP.

The views of individuals caring for people living with dementia are vital to the evaluation process, regardless of whether they currently use these two services.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRW6PBD> and closes on 30 November 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact Ms Kate Kennedy, Project Manager, on (08) 8302 1536 or email [rbrc@unisa.edu.au](mailto:rbrc@unisa.edu.au).

### **UPCOMING ANZSPM EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

Scheduled ANZSPM events are listed below – save the dates!

#### **ANZSPM Trainee Day, Saturday 30 March 2019 | Palmerston North NZ**

The next ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee Day will be held at Arohanui Hospice on Saturday 30 March 2019.

The Trainee Day is open to ANZSPM Members only who are medical practitioners training in palliative care (Advanced Trainee/Diploma of Palliative Care, GP with special interest in Palliative Care, Palliative Care Medical Officers). The program and registration forms will be provided on the ANZSPM website once available.

#### **ANZSPM Medical & Surgical Update, 26-27 July 2019 PLUS Trainee Day 25 July | Melbourne VIC AUS**

The ANZSPM Medical and Surgical Update 2019 is scheduled to be held Friday 26 to Saturday 27 July 2019 at the AMREP Education Centre in Melbourne VIC.

A call for expressions of interest to be involved with the organising committee was sent to all members on 5 November 2018. Members who are interested in contributing ideas that fit with the medical and surgical focus of the event are encouraged to apply. EOIs close this **Thursday 15 November 2018**.

More details will be provided on the ANZSPM website events calendar as they become available. #ANZSPM19

### **JOURNAL ARTICLE**

Professor Lindy Willmott from the Australian Centre for Health Law Research, QUT has written to ANZSPM to about an article which has been recently been published and may be of interest to ANZSPM members.

The article is entitled: 'Providing Palliative Care at the End of Life: Should Health Professionals Fear Regulation?' (2018) 26 Journal of Law and Medicine 214

#### Background to article

From time to time, we've heard that health professionals worry about the legal, professional and ethical issues involved with providing medication for pain and symptoms that can also (possibly) hasten death. (We are aware that many argue that properly titrated medication will not accelerate death, but this is still a worry that we frequently hear.) So our team recently researched the extent to which there have been reported legal and/or professional ramifications of this in Australia. We were interested to see if concerns that health professionals have (anecdotally at least) is reflected in the evidence. Our review concludes that it is not.

The article can be found: <https://bit.ly/2ARe9co>

#### OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

A calendar of events for 2018-19 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).

#### Cancer Care at a Crossroads Conference, 31 Jan – 1 Feb 2019 | Te Papa, Wellington NZ



#### [Cancer Care at a Crossroads Conference](#)

Planning for high quality, best value, integrated and equitable care in New Zealand.

31 January – 1 February 2019, Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand

In response to a time of unprecedented change, uncertainty and opportunity, the University of Otago (Wellington) and Cancer Society of New Zealand, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and New Zealand Society for Oncology are convening a landmark cancer control conference to address challenges in cancer care, equity, prioritisation, and cancer control. The conference will :

- Bring together the brightest minds and most influential people from across the cancer control continuum.
- Draw knowledge and experience from international contexts that have faced similar problems to us.
- Paint a picture of the current major challenges that we face, and identify possible solutions to these challenges.
- Provide a forum for debate, and an opportunity to build networks and bridges across the continuum.
- Bring together funders, academics, clinicians and providers, policy leaders, and decision makers.

The international guest speakers are world-class thought leaders in cancer control and service improvement:

**Professor Richard Sullivan**, Professor of Cancer & Global Health at Kings College London (KCL) led the Lancet Oncology Commission on Delivering Affordable Cancer Care in High Income Countries, and most recently the

Lancet Commission on Global Surgery 2030, Lancet Series on Women's Equity, Health and Cancer and the Lancet Oncology Commission on Global Cancer Surgery.

**Rami Rahal**, Executive Director, Cancer Control at Canadian Partnership Against Cancer in Toronto Canada. He combines expertise in healthcare management information and evidence-based decision support, with particular interest in cancer system performance measurement. He has led a number of workshops and courses on system performance measurement and evidence based policy at both the national and international levels.

The conference will be opened by the Minister of Health **Hon Dr David Clark**, with **Dr Ashley Bloomfield** (Director General of Health) delivering a plenary presentation on the opening morning. Other domestic speakers include Professor John Potter, Dr Nina Scott, Professor Diana Sarfati, Dr Richard Sullivan, Professor Parry Guilford, Dr Christopher Jackson, Ms Shelley Campbell, Prof Kath McPherson and many others.

For more information and to register, please visit the website: [Cancer Care at a Crossroads Conference](#). Places will be limited.

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#### **The Gold Coast Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Service inaugural seminar on *Interventional Palliative Care and Medical Updates*, 7-8 June 2019 | Gold Coast University Hospital, QLD**

The inaugural seminar will be hosted on the Gold Coast, and will provide updates and support for Consultants, Registrars, Nurse Practitioners and CNC in palliative care.

It is a free event, with catering provided. Please note places are limited and registration is essential.

To register visit: <https://1st-goldcoast-pallcare-seminar.eventbrite.com.au>

And for all enquiries, email: [GCHPalliativeCare@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:GCHPalliativeCare@health.qld.gov.au)

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#### **Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2019 (Palliative Care Australia and Hospice NZ)**

Palliative Care Australia has announced that the Australian Palliative Care Conference will have a wider reach in 2019 as they work with the support of counterparts from Hospice New Zealand, and have rebranded the conference as the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference (19OPCC).

The conference will be held 10-13 September 2019 in Perth, Western Australia. More details can be found on the conference website: <https://oceanicpallcare.com>.

#### **CAREERS**

One **new position** has recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details.

#### **ANZSPM MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Let's grow our membership ... promote ANZSPM to your colleagues**

Medical practitioners with an interest in palliative medicine may apply for membership. Please direct interested people to the [online join facility](#) on the ANZSPM website, where they can read about the many benefits of membership and submit an application online.

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

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