

ANZSPM Member Alert – 7 February 2019

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NSW Cannabis Medicines Draft Prescribing Guidance

ACRE has developed *NSW Cannabis Medicines Prescribing Guidance* to provide information and support for NSW medical practitioners for prescribing cannabis medicines to patients.

For more information visit ACRE's [website](#).

ACRE invites stakeholders to provide written submissions addressing either a single *Prescribing Guidance* document, a sub-set of, or all of the draft *Prescribing Guidance* documents. Please email written submissions (in Word form) to ACRE-contact@newcastle.edu.au by close of business on **Friday 8 March 2019**.

Members are also invited to forward comments on the documents to submissions@anzspm.org.au by no later than Friday 1 March 2019 to enable an ANZSPM submission to be prepared incorporating member views.

RACP update: Medical Specialist Access Framework

At the 2018 RACP Congress, the RACP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee released the **Medical Specialist Access Framework** – a guide to equitable access to Specialist Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (the Framework). The Framework is the RACP's principal contribution to Strategy 1B of the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023.

The Framework was developed by the RACP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee. It aims to increase access by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People across Australia to medical specialists. The Framework consists of principles, enablers of specialist access, tools and resources, as well as seven case studies showcasing successful models that are enabling greater access by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to medical specialists. The Framework and associated documents can be found online at: <https://www.racp.edu.au/msaf>. The Guide for Physicians (attachment 4) can be used by physicians who wish to engage further with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

RACP welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Framework further - please contact the Policy and Advocacy team to provide feedback or arrange a time to discuss.

EOI – ANZSPM Workforce Advisory Working Group

A final reminder that ANZSPM is seeking members interested in joining a Workforce Strategy Advisory Working Group. An email was sent to all members on 9 January with a reminder email on 16 January.

The Working Group will be co-convened by A/Prof Leeroy William (ANZSPM Vice-President) and Dean Fourie (ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive Committee Member) with the following aims:

- To review the current Palliative Medicine workforce data in Australia and New Zealand, in order to gain an overview of the issues we will need to address for the future.

- To develop a strategy to continue to grow the specialty, especially in the areas of need identified in the review of the current status of the workforce.
- To collaborate with the Chapter of Palliative Medicine and any other Colleges or SIGs that may inform and support Palliative Medicine workforce planning.
- To report to the ANZSPM Council on a regular basis, in order to engage with relevant stakeholders, as well as jurisdictional and governmental authorities regarding Palliative Medicine workforce planning.

Members are invited to submit an [expression of interest](#) (available under notices in the members area – please log in to view) to the [ANZSPM office](#) by **Thursday 14 February 2019**.

End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC) Training Program

End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC) is a new training program for clinicians and medical students about the law relating to end of life decision-making. The program has been developed by the Queensland University of Technology and is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health. The ELLC online training modules are now available at the [ELLC online training portal](#).

ELLC is a free training program aimed to improve your knowledge of end of life law. To sign-up and for more information visit the End of Life Law in Australia [website](#).

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 and new Palliative Medicine specialists within their first year of vocational registration).

The program and registration forms are now available on the [ANZSPM website](#). Don't miss out!

Save the date! ANZSPM Trainee Day, Thursday 6 June 2019 | Gold Coast QLD Australia

An ANZSPM Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows will be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 on the Gold Coast, alongside the Gold Coast Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Service inaugural seminar on Interventional Palliative Care and Medical Updates being held 7-8 June 2019. Mark the date in your diaries – more information will be provided on the ANZSPM website soon!

ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Update and Trainee Day, 27-29 June 2019 | Queenstown, NZ

ANZSPM's 2019 Annual Update will be held **28-29 June** at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown NZ. A Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows will be held on Thursday **27 June**.

This event is open to medical practitioners training or working in palliative care. More details on the event will be published on the ANZSPM [website](#) as it becomes available.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Maxim Institute Events | Auckland, New Zealand

Medical Practitioners Workshop, 27 February, AUT University Auckland

Dying, Death and Wisdom in an age of Denial will be hosted by Dr Kathryn Mannix. The **workshop** will address societal discomfort with the topic of death and dying. For more information and registrations click [here](#).

The Facebook event is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/388723428602154/>

Public Panel Discussion, 5 March, AUT University Auckland

Presentation by Dr Kathryn Mannix, Professor Rod Macleod, and Dr Tess Moeke-Maxwell. For more information and registration click [here](#).

The Facebook event is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/496504900876032/>

GP's Education Day "Chronic Pain in Primary Care" in conjunction with NZPS 2019 conference

The GP's Education Day workshop will be held **Wednesday 6 March 2019**. The workshop will focus on pain fundamentals and the day will end with patient specific education seminars.

For more information on the workshop and to register visit the New Zealand Pain Society's [website](#).

ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting, 13-15 May 2019 | Adelaide SA



The conference will be on **13-15 May 2019** at the recently redeveloped Adelaide Convention Centre.

This is the premier conference for Geriatric Medicine in Australasia with over 700 delegates attending the 2018 meeting in Sydney. ANZSGM 2019 has the theme of "Geriatric Medicine – Best care to the end" which will focus on evidence and innovation in the care of older adults and in end of life care. The program will also feature updates in cardiovascular and neurological diseases in older patients.

Further information is at www.anzsgmconference.org

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

The inaugural seminar will provide updates and support for Consultants, Registrars, Nurse Practitioners and CNCs 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>

For all enquiries, email: GCHPalliativeCare@health.qld.gov.au

Asia Pacific Hospice Conference, 1-4 August 2019 | Indonesia

This conference will provide an opportunity to gain and exchange expert knowledge and network with fellow hospice and palliative care experts.

Abstract submissions for the 13th APHC have been extended until **Thursday 28 February 2019**.

Early bird registrations have also been extended until **Sunday 31 March 2019**.

For more information and submission details visit the APHC [website](#) and/or contact the conference secretariat at aphc2019poster@gmail.com.

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference, 10-13 September 2019 | Perth

Palliative Care Australia in collaboration with Hospice New Zealand has opened registrations for the 2019 Oceanic Palliative Care Conference. Abstract submissions close **Wednesday 6 March** – more information can be found on the [website](#).

ANZSPM will be hosting a study day for trainees and new fellows on the first day of the conference (Tuesday, 10 September). The ANZSPM AGM will be held on the morning of **Thursday 12 September**. We look forward to catching up with members in attendance at the conference.

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.

Careers

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

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