

ANZSPM Aotearoa Member Alert – 27 March 2019

ANZPM sends our love and support to our Aotearoa members especially to those directly impacted by the tragic events in Christchurch on 15 March and as the local community continues to come to terms with the events.

As there are a number of activities and events coming up in New Zealand, we have prepared this alert specifically for members in New Zealand to provide additional details outside our usual Member Alert.

End of Life Choices Bill

The Justice Select Committee is due to return their report on the End of Life Choices Bill in the coming weeks. The report was deferred from the original reporting date of 27 March until 9 April, following the recent events in Christchurch. A second reading of the Bill is likely to take place in early May.

Members with strong views on the Bill may wish to write to local electorate members at this time, outlining your position on the Bill to ensure that the views of practitioners working in palliative care are heard. Emailing local MPs directly can be an effective way to influence your local member. You can find your electorate MP details very easily via the Party websites:

<https://www.labour.org.nz/ourteam>

<https://www.national.org.nz/team>

<https://www.nzfirst.org.nz/team>

<https://www.greens.org.nz/ourpeople>

Our colleagues at Hospice NZ have shared with us a template letter opposing the Bill – ANZSPM can provide a copy of the template to members who object to the Bill should you wish to use it. Please contact the office at info@anzspm.org.au if you are interested.

End of Life Choices - Events in New Zealand

Aotearoa members may be interested in attending the following upcoming events:

End of Life Choices Public Debate

ANZSPM Aotearoa has received an invitation from the Hon Maggie Barry ONZM North Shore MP inviting NZ members to join her at a public meeting to discuss the proposed law changes to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Former Prime Minister Sir Bill English and visiting expert Dr Leonie Herx, who is president of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians will debate this issue, along with pro euthanasia advocates.

The details are as follows:

Monday 1 April 2019, 7-9pm

Netball North Harbour

44 Northcote Road, Takapuna

RSVP to northshore@parliament.govt.nz

Euthanasia in Canada Discussion

Dr Leonie Herx, a Canadian Palliative Care Physician will share her experience of working in a healthcare system where euthanasia is legal and practiced regularly. She will discuss the impact on doctors, clinicians and the hospice and palliative care sector. This public discussion forum is presented by Dr's Say No www.doctorsayno.nz a member of the Care Alliance www.carealliance.org.nz

The details are as follows:
Tuesday 2 April 2019, 7-8.30pm
Rutherford House RHLT2
Victorian University of Wellington
Pipitea Campus
Cost: Koha is appreciated and can be made at the door

Map of NZ Palliative Care Services

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee has mapped out all NZ palliative care service accredited training sites for the information of members. This resource can now be found in our ANZSPM website Members Area in a new tab "NZ Resources". You will need to log in to view the Members Area.

Upcoming ANZSPM Events:

ANZSPM Trainee Day – 30 March 2019 | Palmerston North

The next ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee Day will be held at Arohanui Hospice on Saturday 30 March 2019. The day is open to 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). Program and registration forms are now available on the [ANZSPM website](#). *Registrations close TODAY! Don't miss out!*

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

ANZSPM Aotearoa'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**, with the Hospice NZ medical directors meeting held on the same day.

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.

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