

ANZSPM Member Alert – 17 April 2019

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Government News

VIC Australia: Resources for Practitioners on voluntary assisted dying (VAD)

The Victorian Department of Health has added additional guidance for health practitioners to its suite of health practitioner and service information, as well as videos developed as part of the VAD training for medical practitioners. The videos are intended to assist medical practitioners to understand VAD in practice. They do not demonstrate the whole process for accessing VAD, they provide examples of parts of the process.

The guidance document and a link to the videos can be found in the ANZSPM members area (VAD Resources tab – please log in to view).

WA Australia: VAD Ministerial Expert Advisory Panel – Discussion Paper released

The WA Ministerial Expert Advisory Panel has developed a Discussion Paper which can be downloaded from the department website: www.health.wa.gov.au/voluntaryassisteddying. The Panel is inviting comment, critical or otherwise, on the key issues set out in the discussion paper by the closing date **24 May 2019**. For information on making a response, visit the department website.

Consultation forums will be held in the Perth metropolitan area, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Broome and Bunbury in April and May 2019. Roundtable meetings will also be held with key stakeholders to examine specific topics related to the legislation. Information on registering for the forums can be found on the department website.

Comments and suggestions will be collated and used by the Panel to inform its recommendations to the Minister regarding the content of the proposed legislation, which is expected to be introduced into Parliament in the second half of 2019. Further information can be obtained by contacting the End of Life Choices team in the Department of Health via MEP.Secretariat@health.wa.gov.au.

ANZSPM is preparing a response to the Discussion Paper and welcomes input from members based in WA – please email submissions@anzspm.org.au with “WA Discussion Paper” in the subject line if you'd like provide feedback to inform ANZSPM's submission.

NZ: End of Life Choices Bill

On 9 April 2019 the Justice Select Committee released their report on the End of Life Choice Bill. The Committee decided that it was unable to agree that the Bill be passed. A second reading of the Bill is likely to take place in early May.

ANZSPM issued a media release on 10 April in response to the report, circulated to all members. The media release can be viewed [here](#).

Requests from the RACP

RACP request for input – Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality

The RACP has sent a reminder that it is seeking input to a submission to the [Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety](#). View the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Royal Commission. Submissions are open until June 2019.

Input is requested **by COB Tuesday 30 April directly to racpconsult@racp.edu.au**. The RACP will then collate input, prepare a draft and go back to people for more information and specifics if necessary, and progress to CPAC.

RACP Congress 2019 – Women in Medicine Congress session and survey

As part of [RACP Congress 2019](#) in Auckland this year the College will be holding a lunchtime session focusing on the topic of Women in Medicine. Tying into the Congress theme '*Impacting health along the life course*' the session will take place at lunchtime on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 and will focus on women across the course of RACP membership and the personal reflections of female physicians.

Hearing from women at all different stages in their medical career; basic trainee, advanced trainee, new Fellow, established Fellow and a Fellow approaching retirement. This session will encourage open discussion on the struggles and triumphs faced by women in medicine, and how we can work to overcome barriers for them in the workforce.

The College welcomes any physicians attending Congress this year to join this session, and are also conducting a [short survey](#) on personal experiences from female physicians ahead of the session. Any feedback on this topic would be greatly appreciated ahead of the session. For more information, contact memberservices@racp.edu.au.

Euthanasia in Canada – recording of Dr Leonie Herx's presentation in NZ

On 2 April 2019 at Victoria University, Canadian Palliative Care Physician Dr Leonie Herx shared her experience of working in a healthcare system where euthanasia is legal and practiced regularly. Her presentation was recorded and the audio presentation and slides are now available in the ANZSPM members area (NZ Resources tab).

ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee and New Fellow Day - Speaker Presentations now available

The Aotearoa Trainee Day was held on 30 March at Arohanui Hospice, Palmerston North. The Speaker Presentations are now available in our members area (Past Events tab)

European Palliative Care Academy Leadership Course 2019-2021

Applications for the **European Palliative Care Academy Leadership Course 2019 – 2021** are being accepted now. The new course starts in September 2019. Deadline for applications is **9 June 2019**.

For further information on the European Palliative Care Academy and the application process, please visit EUPCA's website: www.eupca.eu

ANZSPM Membership Renewals 2019-20 – now open!

On 3 April 2019 an email was sent to all members inviting you to renew your ANZSPM membership for the 2019-20 year.

Current memberships expire on 30 June 2019. Don't forget to update your membership type if your circumstances have changed, particularly members currently holding a Trainee Membership. Thank you to those members who have already renewed for 2019-20!

For any membership queries please contact: info@anzspm.org.au

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Trainee Day, Thursday 6 June 2019 | Gold Coast QLD

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.

The program will cover (subject to change):

- Legal aspects of Palliative Care
- Specialist Medications in Palliative Care
- Radiation oncology Basics
- Stereotactic Radiotherapy
- Dying - It Ain't What It Used to Be

A registration form will shortly be available from the Events page of the ANZSPM website. Email info@anzspm.org.au to register your interest and to be notified when the registration form is available.

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

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Update 2019 will be held 28-29 June at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown NZ, with a Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows on Thursday **27 June**. This event is open to medical practitioners training or working in palliative care.

Information about accommodation is available now on the ANZSPM [website](#). Program and registration details will be available soon.

ANZSPM Medical and Surgical Update 2019, 26-27 July 2019 | Melbourne VIC Australia

Session topics include (subject to change):

- Rural & Remote
- Trauma & Disaster
- Addiction

- Assistance in dying
- Pain - the chronic and the older person interface
- Anti-coagulation in end-of-life care
- Respiratory - advanced therapies for advanced disease
- Dual trained consultants - paediatric and adult oncology/palliative medicine interface

On Thursday 25 July we have our two pre-conference workshops:

- All day Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows
- RACP Supervisors Workshop (SPDP)

Full program and registration information will be available from the event website shortly: www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm19

Other Upcoming Events

Voluntary Assisted Dying Conference, 8-10 May 2019 | VIC

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 will commence on 19 June 2019. To support implementation an interactive Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Conference will be held from Wednesday 8 May to Friday 10 May 2019 at the Carson Conference Centre, 535 Elizabeth St Melbourne 3000.

The conference aims to showcase and promote resources that have been developed by the Implementation Taskforce, provide an opportunity for networking, discussion and information sharing across Victoria. It will also allow attendees to learn about implementation experience in other jurisdictions and hear from local presenters about preparing for implementation in Victoria. Two pre-conference workshops will be held on Wednesday 8 May aimed at medical practitioners and nurses and allied health professionals.

Further details can be found and information about registering interest can be found [here](#).

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. 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.

Supportive & Specialist Palliative Care Service seminar, 7-8 June 2019 | Gold Coast 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. To register visit: <https://1st-goldcoast-pallcare-seminar.eventbrite.com.au>. For all enquiries, email: GCHPalliativeCare@health.qld.gov.au

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 1-2 August 2009 | Sydney NSW

The Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium will canvas multiple topics in Renal Supportive Care including symptom management, advance care planning, moral distress for clinicians, the law and ethics of dialysis withdrawal, indigenous issues and communication skills. In addition, Professor Mark Brown, Nephrologist will present "What is new in Renal Supportive Care?" All are welcome. For registration contact Elizabeth Josland: elizabeth.josland@health.nsw.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. Early bird registrations 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 WA

Palliative Care Australia in collaboration with Hospice New Zealand has opened registrations for the 2019 Oceanic Palliative Care 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.

As previously advised, ANZSPM Members are eligible to receive a member discount early bird rate to attend OPCC19. Members simply need to indicate ANZSPM as their member organisation when [registering online](#), in order for the discounts to apply and register before 29 June! This is strictly for current ANZSPM members only.

ANZSPM is also holding a half-day Trainee & New Fellow workshop during the conference on the morning of Tuesday 10 September – more details to come!

World Congress on Itch, 17-19 November 2019 | Sydney NSW

The symptom of itch, or pruritus, can be a very disabling. Until the modern era, little was understood about this symptom. In the modern era, a quiet revolution has occurred in the understanding of mechanism and management. This conference will include the work of the world's leading neuroscientists in this area. To help those new to this science of this symptom a session entitled "Itch for beginners" will be held on the first morning. This will summarise the basic pathophysiology of pruritus and the management of major itch syndromes including uraemic, cholestatic and paraneoplastic pruritus and the pruritus of cutaneous T-cell lymphomas. This is the first time this Congress has been held in Australasia and is an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding of pruritus. Registration and details are at www.ifs2019.com.au/.

Careers

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

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