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Government News

WA Australia: VAD Ministerial Expert Advisory Panel – Discussion Paper for comment

The WA Ministerial Expert Advisory Panel Discussion Paper can be downloaded from the department website: www.health.wa.gov.au/voluntaryassistedddying. 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.

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

The second reading of the Bill is now expected to be held 22 May 2019.

From the RACP

Reminder: 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.

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.

External Survey Request

ANZPM has received the following request from Mr Kyle Gardiner, PHD Candidate at The Queensland University of Technology for voluntary member participation in a survey:

“Understanding the delivery of medicinal cannabis in Australia using the theoretical domains framework”

This study is part of my overall thesis exploring the factors that underpin health professional behaviour relative to medicinal cannabis.

This 15-minute survey is available at:

https://busqut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73eEclqSkkqkc0l for anyone who is interested in participating. You do not require prior experience with medicinal cannabis to be involved. All consent and participant information is built into the survey and completion of the survey puts you in the draw to win 1 of 3 \$250 gift vouchers (can be used anywhere).

If you have any questions about this survey, please feel free to contact Kyle Gardiner at kyle.gardiner@qut.edu.au. Also feel free to share with any colleagues who might be interested in participating

Survey details are also available in the ANZSPM website members' area.

caring@home project – seeking translators

The *caring@home* (www.caringathomeproject.com.au) project is looking for palliative medicine specialists or trainees to review some resources for carers being translated into Vietnamese and Tagalog. *caring@home* has produced resources for carers to support carers to help manage breakthrough symptoms safely using subcutaneous medicines.

A company that uses accredited translators have been contracted to do the work but the project has also requested the opportunity to have a health care professional, who is a native speaker of the language, to review the translation and subtitles.

The work would be expected to be completed in May and June. They are able to offer a stipend for this work of \$800 + GST upon receipt of an invoice.

The work is to review the following after they come back from the translating service:

- Subtitles on five short videos <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/tabid/5182/Default.aspx>
- Review translation of the:
 - Handbook for carers <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/caringathome-Handbook-WEB.pdf>
 - Medicines diary <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Medicines-diary-WEB.pdf>
 - Fridge chart <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Colour-coded-fridge-chart-WEB.pdf>
 - DL information

brochure <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/Portals/13/Documents/Information-for-carers.pdf>

If you are interested in undertaking this work, please contact Karen Cooper, Project Manager for caring@home on E: Karen.Cooper3@health.qld.gov.au or M: 0428422818.

External Research Project

Lindy Willmott has advised us of a research project she and her colleague Ben White are involved in which may be of interest to members – a research study called *Incidence and Characteristics of End-of-Life Decisions in Victoria*. As part of this research, they are surveying doctors who are involved in end-of-life decision-making in Victoria. Details are below:

New survey about Victorian doctors' end-of-life decision-making

Victorian doctors in specialties likely to be involved in end-of-life decisions are being surveyed about their decision-making practices. Researchers from the NHMRC-funded Centre of Research Excellence in End-of-Life Care are conducting a study to determine what sort of end-of-life decisions are being made by doctors, how often these decisions occur and for what sort of patients.

At present, there are no up-to-date, representative Australian data describing the frequency and nature of medical end-of-life decisions, and the characteristics of patients about whom such decisions are made. The research aims to provide an evidence base to understand current medical practice in Victoria including the extent to which palliative care is provided to patients at the end of life. Findings from this research will also inform improvements in the quality of end-of-life care.

A sample of Victorian doctors will be contacted from 9 April by the AMA's Australia Medical Publishing Company (AMPCo) to invite them to complete a survey. The survey can be completed in hard copy or online. Participating doctors who complete their survey before 16 May will go into the draw for one of three prizes to the value \$100, in fine wine, or a donation to a registered charity of your choice.

If you have any queries about this research, please feel free to contact Dr Rachel Feeney [rachel.feeney@qut.edu.au]. The research team is grateful for the time and insight of the doctors who support this research by completing this survey.

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

Palliative Care in North India: A Study Tour

Palliative Care in North India – a study tour
15 - 29 March 2020

Travel across north on this study tour led by David Oliviere, former director of Education and Training at St Christopher's Hospice in London. The tour combines a range professional visits and meetings with hospitals, specialist clinics, hospices and NGO's with a full cultural programme.

For full details please contact Jon Baines Tours on 03 9343 6367 or email info@jonbainestours.com.au or visit www.jonbainestours.com/indiapall

ANZSPM Membership Renewals 2019-20 – due 30 June!

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 check your membership type and update it 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 – register now!

Registrations are now open for the ANZSPM Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows which will be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 on the Gold Coast. It will be held 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 is now available in the Events page of the ANZSPM website.

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

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.

Programme and registration details are available on the website.

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

Registrations are now open for this event!

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 is no available on the event website 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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