

## ANZSPM Member eNews – 6 March 2020

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### Coronavirus COVID-19 and ANZSPM events



ANZSPM is closely monitoring the outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 and how it might affect our upcoming events. We are monitoring this evolving situation via the Australian Department of Health and New Zealand's Ministry of Health websites which regularly provide the latest updated medical advice and official reports on the COVID-19 outbreak.

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our members and guests attending any upcoming events. ANZSPM will act on any government advice and keep members and delegates informed of any developments in relation to infection control and our events. Both governments are currently advising not to alter arrangements for public events. We encourage delegates to check with their travel insurance provider if they are covered for any cancellations due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

For information on the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the Australian Department of Health website and the New Zealand Ministry of Health website.

In addition, clinical information on coronavirus COVID-19 for health professionals provided by the Australian Department of Health can be found here:

- New coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Health Situation Report 02.03.2020
- Information for Primary and Community Health Workers - Version 4
- Information sheet for Emergency Departments - Version 4
- Advice on the use of PPE during clinical care of people with suspected or confirmed 2019-nCoV

Please note that as this is an evolving situation, these documents may be updated in the coming days and weeks. Queries about ANZSPM events can be directed to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au)!

### Government News

#### **AUS: COAG Health Council decision re Aged Care Assessment Services**

In its AHMAC meeting on 28 February 2020, the Commonwealth agreed to work with the States and Territories to have a consistent, uniform, efficient and integrated aged care assessment process that meets the needs of senior Australians and their families. The Commonwealth has confirmed that it is not proceeding with the current tender process. Over the longer term the Commonwealth will take

advice from States and Territories and from the Royal Commission about what the exact delivery mix should be. Read the full COAG Health communique [here](#).

#### **AUS: DoH cancels webinar on new aged care assessment arrangements**

In light of the COAG Health Council announcement on aged care assessment services (see news item above), **the Australian Department of Health has cancelled** the webinar planned for **11 March 2020** on the new aged care assessment arrangements. The Government will take advice from state and territory governments and the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety on any future changes to the delivery of aged care assessment services. For more information [click here](#).

#### **NZ: New Zealand Cancer Action Plan 2019–2029 published**

In February 2020, the New Zealand Cancer Action Plan 2019–2029 was published. It provides a pathway to improve cancer outcomes for all New Zealanders. On 1 December 2019, the Government launched the Cancer Control Agency to lead the implementation of this plan. To download the plan please [click here](#).

#### **AUS: Department of Health update on the Specialist Dementia Care Program**

The Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP) supports people with severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia who cannot be cared for in a mainstream residential aged care facility. Under the SDCP, a prototype unit began operation in Inglewood, Perth in September 2019. As a result of the SDCP's first funding round a further nine units will open between January and July 2020. These units are in eight Primary Health Network regions:

- Adelaide
- Australian Capital Territory
- Brisbane North
- Brisbane South
- Hunter New England and Central Coast
- North Western Melbourne
- North Queensland
- South Eastern Melbourne.

Referrals can now be made via the online form on the Dementia Support Australia website to the SDCP units in:

- Brisbane South (Upper Mt Gravatt)
- Adelaide (Felixstowe)
- Hunter New England and Central Coast (Cardiff)
- South Eastern Melbourne (Caulfield)
- Perth North (Inglewood).

For more information and eligibility requirements please visit the department's website.

#### **AUS: Victoria Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board second report**

The Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board released its second report titled *Report of operations: June to December 2019* on 19 February. The report details activity under the legislation since the commencement of the Act from 19 June to 31 December 2019.

### **Other News**

#### **AMA launches *A guide to social media and medical professionalism***

The Australian Medical Association (AMA), the New Zealand Medical Association, the Australian Medical Students Association and the New Zealand Medical Students Association jointly developed the guide designed to help doctors and medical students protect patient privacy and as well as their own and other doctors' personal and professional reputations. It includes tips and practical steps to

help medical students and doctors navigate the social media landscape. The guide can be accessed [here](#).

### BMJ Palliative & Supportive Care March 2020 issue out now!

You can browse the content of the latest issue of BMJ Palliative & Supportive Care issue [here](#).

### New study published: Palliative Care for people with dementia

People with dementia requiring palliative care have multiple needs, which are amplified in long-term care settings. The European Association for Palliative Care has published a white paper, which offers recommendations for optimal palliative care in dementia. The study is available [here](#).

## Upcoming ANZSPM Events



### ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat & Trainee Day – 3-5 April 2020

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee is hosting a multidisciplinary team retreat over three days on the theme “Exploring resilience within palliative and end of life care” in April 2020.

*Where:* Silverstream Retreat, 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Lower Hutt Wellington, NZ

*Who:* Suitable for all professionals working in palliative care.

*What:* The aim of the retreat is to allow you to return to your place of work affirmed, invigorated, motivated and refreshed.

Registrations for the Retreat and Trainee Day have been **extended to 18 March!** More information, including program, speaker bios and pricing, is available on the ANZSPM website’s events page. To enquire about the retreat please email [nzadmin@anzspm.org.au](mailto:nzadmin@anzspm.org.au)



### ANZSPM Conference 2020, 17-20 September 2020 | Auckland, NZ

The ANZSPM Conference 2020 will be held at the Pullman, Auckland from 17 to 20 September 2020. Our theme for 2020 is *Palliative Care in an Uncertain World*. Registration opening soon: [www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20](http://www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20).

### RACP supervisor training workshop (SPDP3) at ANZSPM20, 17 September 2020 | Auckland NZ

The session will be 3 hours and will cover the following:

- Discuss the purpose and importance of work-based learning and assessment
- Analyse the cycle of planning for learning and assessment
- Identify the challenges and solutions associated with work-based assessment in a complex environment
- Evaluate overall performance and progress to make a summative assessment.

**Date and Location: Thursday 17 September 2020 9.00am-12.00pm**, The Pullman Hotel, Corner of Princes St & Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland

Facilitated by Dr Raewyn Gavin & Dr Dorothy Dinesh; to register please email [SPDP@racp.org.nz](mailto:SPDP@racp.org.nz)

For more information on the workshop, go to the ANZSPM20 Conference website [here](#).

## Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

### 2020 Annual Conferences and Study Days (paid advertisement)

Education and research has been key to Sobell House's drive to improve end of life care for over 30 years. The Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care: Sobell House offer an annual programme of study days, courses and conferences on a variety of topics for health and social care practitioners, both local to Oxfordshire and from an international audience.

### OXFORD ADVANCED PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COURSES 2020

From the 15th February 2020, Cost £550

Newcastle-upon-Tyne	11-12 June	Nottingham	24-25 June
Oxford 1	02-03 July	Oxford 2	09-10 July

### ENHANCED COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING

23-24 Apr 2020, 4-5 Jun 2020, 24-25 Sep 2020, 8-9 Oct 2020, 19-20 Nov 2020

Cost: £550

For further information and booking online: [www.sobelleducation.org.uk](http://www.sobelleducation.org.uk)

### University of Sydney: "Clinical Skills Workshop: Dealing with emotionally challenging patient encounters" | 20 March 2020 | Sydney, NSW

This workshop aims to help clinicians to navigate emotionally challenging patient encounters by providing participants with practical tools for responding to patients' negative emotions and managing their own negative emotional responses to patients. These "emotion-handling skills" are critical to patient perceptions of clinician empathy, competence, and trustworthiness, and play an important role in maintaining patient engagement in their assessment and treatment planning. The workshop provides participants with practical, evidence-based tools for recognising and responding to negative emotions and provides a unique opportunity to practice these skills with a professional actor (simulated patient). For more information please visit [here](#).

### AAHPM: State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care research symposium | 20-22 March 2020 | San Diego, CA (USA)

Network with fellow investigators and gain insights to new research and methods in hospice and palliative medicine at the first ever State of the Science research meeting, hosted by AAHPM. The purpose of the meeting is to support and advance the science of hospice and palliative care by fostering community and multidisciplinary collaboration, building capacity through investigator development, and sharing cutting-edge research by scientists at all career stages. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### Advanced European bioethics course "Suffering, Death & Palliative Care", 24-27 March 2020 | Netherlands

The aim is to educate participants on a range of ethical issues related to suffering and dying, palliative care and medically assisted death. The key-note lecture will be held by Els van Wijngaarden PhD, associate professor and researcher, Dept. of Care Ethics, University for Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands. More information here. Direct registration: registration.  
Contact: Valesca Hulsman:Valesca.Hulsman@radboudumc.nl

### **2020 Australian Pain Society 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting | 5-8 April 2020 | Hobart TAS**

This is the only multidisciplinary conference in Australia offering insights into the complex nature of pain management from a variety of medical, nursing and allied health perspectives. Further information is at [www.dconferences.com.au/aps2020/](http://www.dconferences.com.au/aps2020/)

### **The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Advanced Course | 22–24 April 2020 | Canberra, Australia**

For more information please visit: <https://www.eventbank.com/event/siog-2020-advanced-course-canberra-14744/>

### **EUROPALL2020: European Conference on Controversies in Palliative Care | 23-24 April 2020 | Vienna, Austria**

This conference will address a large number of controversial issues faced by multidisciplinary professionals across Europe in their everyday clinical practice. The aim is having frank, open and even provocative debates with a world-renowned panel of experts from various disciplines to ultimately form a consensus on how best to manage different complex questions in palliative care. Further information is at <https://europall2020.com>

### **NZ Choosing wisely pre-sessions and forum: *Choosing Wisely – Choosing Equity: a focus on equity, sustainability and shared decision-making* | 1 May 2020 | Wellington, NZ**

*Choosing Wisely* supports reducing unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures in health care. This forum is an important opportunity to learn about *Choosing Wisely* and sustainability, equity and shared decision making; and to share your experiences and knowledge. There is strong consumer input into the forum, and high-quality, innovative speakers who are leaders in their fields. For more information please click here.

There are also two pre-sessions being held on Thursday 30 April from 4-6 pm:

- Choosing Wisely 101 chaired by Dr Derek Sherwood
- Choosing Wisely for students, trainees and medical educators chaired by Dr John Bonning. They will be followed by a casual meal.

Council of Medical Colleges NZ will support 10 students/doctors-in-training to attend this meeting (flights and accommodation and registration for the next day's Forum). Expressions of interest should be sent to Sue Ineson: [Sue.Ineson@cmc.org.nz](mailto:Sue.Ineson@cmc.org.nz) with a brief outline of what the potential attendee will do to help incorporate *Choosing Wisely* into their practice and promote it to their peers.

To register for the pre-forum event, cost free and the main forum please click here.

### **Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference | 3-4 May 2020 | Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne VIC**

This biennial conference brings together Australian and New Zealand nurses with an interest in delivering high quality, contemporary palliative care. The two-day conference is the perfect forum for nurses and other health professionals to seek new knowledge, become familiar with new products and services to the industry, and to identify opportunities to translate the best evidence into clinical and academic excellence. Networking, debating and socialising with peers adds a further dimension to the experience. With several plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops, the structure of

the conference provides the ideal environment for these activities to occur. More information at <https://www.pcna2020.org/>

**Save the Date: Better Together - Connecting Palliative and Aged Care | 21 May 2020 | SA**

The Palliative Care South Australia biennial conference will be held on 21 May 2020 with a focus on aged care. While the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has brought a great deal of attention to the issues in the sector including palliative care, this conference seeks to bring together consumers/carers, the aged and palliative care sectors to show some of the good things that are happening. Better Together aims to bring the community and workforce together so that we can better understand each other's services and needs. More information about the conference will be available early next year. Email [pallcare@pallcare.asn.au](mailto:pallcare@pallcare.asn.au) or call on 8271 643.

**NPS: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) | 21 May 2020 | Sydney, NSW**

NPS MedicineWise is hosting its next National Medicines Symposium (NMS) on 21 May 2020 in Sydney. Held every two years, the NMS program is designed to provide the latest content in the medicines and health environment and is delivered by acclaimed experts. For any enquiries please email [nms@expertevents.com.au](mailto:nms@expertevents.com.au)

**National Palliative Care Week, 24 – 30 May 2020**

National Palliative Care Week is an annual event organised by Palliative Care Australia and supported by the Department of Health to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care in the Australian community. In 2020, National Palliative Care Week will be held from **Sunday 24 May – Saturday 30 May**. Stay tuned for more details about our National Palliative Care Week theme and branding.

**7<sup>th</sup> Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium | 25-26 May 2020 | Alice Springs NT**

The National Rural Health Alliance has released the full program of its 7<sup>th</sup> Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium, which will be held in Alice Springs on 25-26 May 2020. The Symposium is an opportunity to hear from researchers and thought leaders in the rural health space, and to get together with academics, policymakers, health professionals and those from the not-for-profit sector, to learn and share knowledge. You can read the full program [here](#) and register [here](#).

**The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Advanced Course | 24 – 27 June 2020 | Treviso, Italy**

For more information please visit: <https://www.eventbank.com/event/siog-2020-advanced-course-in-geriatric-oncology-17483/>

**12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in Contemporary Society | 13-17 July 2020, Melbourne Australia**

Global leaders will take the stage sharing the latest research in grief and bereavement care, and clinical practice. For more information and registrations please visit [www.icgb2020.com](http://www.icgb2020.com)

**The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Annual Conference | 1-3 October 2020 | Geneva, Switzerland**

For more information please visit: <https://siog.org/content/siog-2020-annual-conference-0>

## Careers

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM Careers pages for details!

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