

ANZSPM Member eNews – 28 August 2020

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Remember to register for ANZSPM20 conference (17-19 September 2020)!! Special ANZSPM member rates available!!

Please visit the updated ANZSPM20 conference website to view the program! Registering will provide 12 months access to conference presentations. In light of COVID-19 and the move to a virtual conference, this year we are able to open registrations to attendance by nurse practitioners and other allied health professionals who are involved in delivering palliative care services. Please spread the word!

COVID-19 updates

Australian COVID-19 Palliative Care Working Group (ACPCWG)

ANZSPM continues to work with the ACPCWG on supporting the palliative care response to COVID-19 in partnership with Palliative Care Australia (PCA), Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA), the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (AChPM) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and the End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) program.

Other ACPCWG-related updates and resources are below:

- Latest ACPCWG newsletter (27 August 2020)
- Previous ACPCWG newsletter (12 August 2020)
- An online hub of resources can be found on the CareSearch website.

ANZSPM COVID-19 Special Interest Group (COVID-19 SIG) guidance documents

ANZSPM guidance documents developed by the COVID-19 SIG relating to palliative care in the COVID-19 context are available here. With further updates coming soon!

ANZSPM members are encouraged to use and distribute these documents at their workplace:

Palliative Care in the COVID-19 context (version 1, April 2020) (PDF File - 204k)

Palliative Care Communication in the COVID-19 context (version 1, April 2020) (PDF File - 452k)

Pandemic-Context Palliative Care triage - a response to COVID-19 (version 1, April 2020) (PDF File - 271k)

Solutions to supply and access issues for palliative care medication during COVID-19 (version 1, April 2020) (PDF File - 370k)

Further Symptom Management in COVID-19 patients - Treatment Approaches and Alternative Routes (version 1, June 2020) (PDF File - 702k)

Peri & Post-death COVID-19 care at home (version 1, May 2020) (PDF File - 342k)

Essential PEOLC in the COVID-19 pandemic (version 2, June 2020) (PDF File - 209k)

Visitor Limitations to hospitals and palliative care units in the COVID-19 Context (version 1, August 2020) (PDF File - 224k)

Bereavement and the COVID-19 pandemic (version 2, June 2020) (PDF File - 252k)

NZ Taskforce on COVID-19

COVID-19 related resources for NZ health care professionals can be found hosted on the Hospice NZ website here.

AUS: Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for the health and aged care sector

The Australian Department of Health regularly provides up-to-date and authoritative information and advice on COVID-19 for the health and aged care sector here.

NZ: Health advice and latest updates on COVID-19

The Ministry of Health in New Zealand provides regular updates, information and health advice on COVID-19 on its website here.

Government News

NZ: General Election delayed by one month to 17 October 2020

New Zealand delayed its general election by a month from 19 September to 17 October 2020 due to the outbreak of Covid-19 in Auckland. As well as voting on a new government, two referendum questions will also be on the ballot papers: whether to legalise marijuana use and whether to legalise euthanasia. For more information click here.

TAS: End Of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 has been tabled on 27 August 2020

Mersey independent MLC Mike Gaffney tabled the End Of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 in the Legislative Council on Thursday 27 August 2020. The bill will be brought on for debate on September 15, 2020. A majority of upper house members have indicated they support the bill in-principle, but a number of amendments are expected to be pitched from members during the debate. For more information click here and here.

WA: \$16.3 million in WA state funding to enhance end of life support

WA Government announced that Western Australians requiring palliative care and end-of-life support will benefit from an additional \$16.3 million that will strengthen end of life care and support implementation of the Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation. WA passed the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act on December 10, 2019, which enables voluntary assisted dying to become a choice available to

people from mid-2021, allowing for an 18-month implementation period. For more information click [here](#).

AUS: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety publishes consultation submissions

The Royal Commission published received submissions on Consultation paper 1 [redesign of the aged care system](#) including ANZSPM's submission which you can find [here](#). All published submissions on consultation paper 1 can be found [here](#).

AUS: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety releases new research papers

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety released new research papers, Research Paper 8 – International and National Quality and Safety Indicators for Aged Care.; [Research Paper 9 – The cost of residential aged care](#) and [Research Paper 10 – Technical mapping between ACFI and AN-ACC](#) which are all available on the Royal Commission's website [here](#).

ANZSPM updates

ANZSPM membership renewals 2020-21

We have now emailed all members a membership renewal invoice through our Xero accounting system. Thank you to the 300 members who have paid their renewal.

If you haven't renewed please note that your current membership expired on 30 June 2019 and after 30 September 2019 you will no longer be a financial member of ANZSPM.

If you have any membership enquiries, please contact us at info@anzspm.org.au

Reminder nominations are closing! ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Business Meeting (ABM) on Friday 18th September 2020

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) of ANZSPM Aotearoa Members will be held on Friday 18th September 2020 from 10-30 -11.30 by Zoom. All ANZSPM Aotearoa Members have been invited to attend this virtual meeting. Nominations to join the ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive Committee will close on COB 2 September 2020!

ANZSPM Brand Refresh: Get Involved!

We are forming a small working party to assist us with refreshing the ANZSPM brand across all communications platforms. Council member and ANZSPM Newsletter Editor Dr Chi Li will lead the group, which will provide advice on what we want our new look to communicate. Working party members will need to commit to up to three virtual meetings over the coming two months. We'd love to hear from members, old and new! Email info@anzspm.org.au to express interest or request further information.

ANZSPM20 virtual conference from 17 - 20 September 2020

Registrations for our virtual ANZSPM20 conference (17-19 September 2020) are now OPEN!! Please visit the updated ANZSPM20 conference website to view the program and register!

ANZSPM webinar series in 2020



ANZSPM Webinars

via @TheRACP

ANZSPM members are invited to join us for a series of webinars over the next 6 months on:

- Advanced Care Planning & incorporating VAD: the adult & paediatric perspective
- Palliative care in pandemics
- Update on opioids for breathlessness
- Haematology and Palliative Care

Our Members will be emailed registration details or can contact info@anzspm.org.au to find out more.

Not a member? Join now at anzspm.org.au!

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The webinars are supported by the Royal Australasian College of Physician's 2020 webspilot program.

With the support of the RACP, ANZSPM is again able to bring to our members a series of webinars over the next 6 months. Please save the dates for the following ANZSPM webinars with registration details being sent closer to the date:

ANZSPM webinar topic	Speaker	Speaker presentation date & time
Update on opioids for breathlessness	Prof David Currow	28-Oct-20; 6pm AEDT
Haematology and Palliative Care	Dr Rob Weinkove & Dr Zoe McQuilten	24-Nov-20; 6pm AEDT

Recordings of 2020 ANZSPM webinars

Please note that the first two ANZSPM webinars are now also available in the Member area of our website under 'past events'!

ANZSPM webinar topic	Speaker	Link to recording on RACP website (RACP member log in required)
Advance Care Planning & incorporating VAD: the adult & paediatric perspective	A/Prof Jenny Hynson & Dr Barbara Hayes	https://www.racp.edu.au/fellows/resources/specialty-society-webinar-series/specialty-societies/australian-and-new-zealand-society-of-palliative-medicine
Public Health Palliative Care, including post COVID-19 PHPC directions	Dr Bruce Rumbold	https://www.racp.edu.au/fellows/resources/specialty-society-webinar-series/specialty-societies/australian-and-new-zealand-society-of-palliative-medicine
Palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic - experiences from a busy London hospital	Dr Sabrina Bajwah & Dr Rachel Wiseman	https://www.racp.edu.au/fellows/resources/specialty-society-webinar-series/specialty-societies/australian-and-new-zealand-society-of-palliative-medicine

Let's grow our membership ... promote ANZSPM to your colleagues

Medical practitioners with an interest in palliative medicine may apply for membership. Please direct interested people to the online join facility on the ANZSPM website, where they can read about the many benefits of membership and submit an application online.

EAPC Membership offer

A reminder to members that ANZSPM is a national association member of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC).

As a national association member of EAPC, **all ANZSPM members are invited to join the EAPC for FREE** and take advantage of the benefits available to individual members:

- Networking with National Associations and individual members from countries Worldwide
- 25% discount on EAPC Congress registration
- Weekly updates on latest topical issues for best practice in palliative care
- Discounts on a range of subscriptions to palliative care journals and books

To avail of these benefits ANZSPM members must [register](#) as an EAPC Member on the [EAPC website](#). When completing the registration, subscribe as a member of an association (collective member) and select Australia-ANZSPM (AU&NZ) as your "[National Association](#)".

Please note that your individual registration must be renewed each year.

Other updates

Caring@home Guidelines for the handling of palliative care medicines

Caring@home released guidelines for the handling of palliative care medicines. The guidelines may be used by community service providers to develop detailed protocols and procedures tailored to the requirements of their individual service or facilities. The guidelines can be downloaded [here](#).

ARTICLE: Waran, E & William, L: Navigating the complexities of voluntary assisted dying in palliative care Med J Aust | Online 24 August 2020

The article presents the case of an inpatient death under the voluntary assisted dying Act in our health service and describe a short case history followed by a discussion examining two relevant topics related to voluntary assisted dying and palliative care: conscientious objection and the complexity of palliative care involvement. **Full article:** doi: 10.5694/mja2.50729

MJA Podcasts 2020 Episode 34: Complexities of voluntary assisted dying in palliative care, with A/Prof Leeroy William

Vol 213, Issue 5: 24 August. Associate Professor Leeroy William is President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine. He discusses navigating the complexities of voluntary assisted dying in palliative care. With MJA news and online editor, Cate Swannell. To download the podcast please click [here](#).

ARTICLE: Palliative care delivery in residential aged care: Bereaved family member experiences of the Supportive Hospice Aged Residential Exchange (SHARE) intervention

BMC Palliative Care | Online – 17 August 2020 – SHARE is a new model of palliative care (PC) education that has been designed for residential aged care. The goal of SHARE is to help clinical staff improve PC within residential aged care facilities and to improve specialist PC nurses' knowledge and skill to care for frail older people. The experiences of 18 bereaved families concerning the PC journey (both at the start and finish of a one-year implementation of SHARE) were explored using semi-structured interviews. Three themes were important to bereaved families' experience: communication with staff, systems of care, and hospice involvement. Sub-themes indicating changes in these three components of care between the start and finish of SHARE was identified. A fourth theme highlighted challenges (relationship with GP, staff shortages, and turnover) that continued across SHARE. Findings indicated that SHARE benefited families (improved communication and support) through the end of life journey of their relatives, but challenges remained. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/326JfX>

Upcoming Events

Please note: In light of the evolving situation around the current COVID-19 pandemic, many events previously promoted in our eNews may have been postponed, cancelled or moved to a virtual format. ANZSPM recommends members check this directly with event organisers!

Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care: ADVANCED COURSE WEBCASTS | multiple dates for 2020

The Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care in the UK is bringing you education of high quality from great speakers. For more information visit <https://www.sobelleducation.org.uk/our-courses/>

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

Please note this conference has been cancelled but a remote meeting will be held instead. Please visit website at <https://siog.org/content/siog-2020-annual-conference-0>

23rd International Congress on Palliative Care | 13-16 October | Montreal, Canada

For more information visit at <http://palliativecare.ca>

EUROPALL2020: European Conference on Controversies in Palliative Care | 29-30 Oct 2020 | Munich, Germany More information is at <https://europall2020.com>

PAIN2020 conference | 14-15 November 2020 | Hyatt Regency Sydney

More information at: <https://dcconferences.com.au/pain2020/>

Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference | 22-23 Nov 2020 | Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

More information at <https://www.pcna2020.org/>

Ō tātou hiranga | What matters to us - shared decision-making and advance care planning virtual hui | 2-3 December 2020

The NZ Health Quality & Safety Commission is hosting a shared decision-making and advance care planning virtual hui for health care workers and managers. More information at <https://hqsc.eventsair.com/acp2020/>

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Australian Pain Society 41st Annual Scientific Meeting | 18-21 April 2021 | National Convention Centre, Canberra

More information at dcconferences.com.au/aps2021/

7th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium | 24-25 May 2021 | Alice Springs, NT

<https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/7rrhss/>

Careers

For the latest positions advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM Careers pages for details!

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