

## ANZSPM Member eNews – 26 February 2021

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### ANZSPM updates

Our ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative Multidisciplinary Team Retreat –5-7 March 2021 in Hanmer Springs, NZ is nearly here, have you registered yet?



Join the ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee for a 3-Day MDT retreat exploring resilience within palliative & end of life care.

Suitable for all health & social care professionals involved in palliative & end-of-life care.

Registrations now open!

**Hurry! Registrations will close tonight Friday 26 February at 11.59pm:** We would love you to join us to explore the theme of "*Exploring resilience within palliative and end of life care*" in beautiful Hanmer Springs, South Island, New Zealand. This unique event, for health and social care professionals involved in palliative and end-of-life care, brings together speakers from diverse backgrounds with experience in end-of-life settings. The aim of the conference is to stimulate debate and out of the box thinking, whilst also providing a context for reflection, renewal and restoration. Come and hear **Ben Booker, Eddie Condra, Liese Groot-Alberts, Fiona Hewerdine, Heather McLeod, Wendy Pattemore, Diana Saunders** and **Willem Vink** speak. For the full program, detailed speaker profiles and to register, please [click here](#).

**Only 6 days to go! Register for 2021 ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee & New Fellow Day | 4 March 2021 | Christchurch, NZ**



ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainees & New Fellows are invited to join us for the

2021 ANZSPM Aotearoa Trainee & New Fellow Day

A day full of training workshops, lectures and discussion.

Registrations now open!

ANZSPM trainees are invited to attend the ANZSPM Aotearoa 2021 Trainee and New Fellow Day on 4 March 2021 at the Nurse Maude Hospice in Christchurch, NZ. This full day of training workshops, lectures and discussion is an opportunity for Palliative Care trainees to engage with some of the leading practitioners in the field and to learn the latest and developing methodologies in Palliative Care practice. For the full program and to register (via Eventbrite), please click [here](#).

#### **ANZSPM 2021 Webinar Series: Professor Geoff Mitchell on 'Palliative Care for all'**



ANZSPM members are invited to join the first webinar of our ANZSPM 2021 Webinar Series on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 12.30pm – 1.30pm (AEDT). We are delighted to have **Professor Geoff Mitchell, Emeritus Professor of General Practice and Palliative Care at the University of Queensland, speaking about "Palliative care for all: managing the deaths specialist palliative medicine will never see."** The webinar will be hosted by Dr Anna Keedwell and includes a 15min Q&A session at the end of the presentation. To register in advance for this webinar, please click [here](#).

#### **Next Aotearoa Webinar: ANZSPM Niche Drugs Series on Lidocaine**

ANZSPM Aotearoa invites you to join us for the second seminar in our Niche Drugs Series, on 10 March 2021 at 6pm (NZ time). Dr Lana Ferguson will be giving a 45-minute presentation on Lidocaine, and this will be followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. This session will be hosted by Dr Catherine D'Souza, Chair of ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee. ANZSPM welcomes our members, as well as any interested palliative care and pharmacy colleagues. To register in advance for this seminar, please click [here](#).

#### **ANZSPM welcomes Palliative Care Australia's new CEO Camilla Rowland**

ANZSPM president A/Prof Leeroy William welcomed yesterday's announcement by Palliative Care Australia that Ms Camilla Rowland has been appointed as their new CEO. Ms Rowland will take up her new position with the national peak body on 17 May 2021. She joins PCA from the well-respected not-for-profit organisation Marymead where she served as CEO for over five years. ANZSPM council and secretariat is looking forward to continuing its working relationship with PCA under Ms Rowland's guidance, ensuring all Australians can receive quality palliative care when and where they need it. For more information, click [here](#).

## COVID-19 updates

### **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. ANZSPM members are encouraged to use and distribute these documents at their workplace. The Group meets again Thursday 11 March. New guidance documents on medication access and symptom management will be available on the website shortly!

### **National COVID19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce**

Following a well-earned break, the Taskforce team has now returned to full capacity. Latest guidance on caring for people with COVID-19 includes tocilizumab, sofosbuvir-daclatasvir, sulodexide, and an expression of interest request has been issued for the Taskforce Consumer Panel. The Taskforce looks forward to continuing to keep Australian clinicians armed with the latest evidence-based guidance. You can review the Taskforce Living Guidelines here .

### **NZ Taskforce on COVID-19**

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

### **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 (16 December 2020)
- Previous ACPCWG newsletter (21 October 2020)
- An online hub of resources can be found on the CareSearch website.

### **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

### **AUS: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety**

Royal Commissioners, the Honourable Tony Pagone QC and Lynelle Briggs AO, have presented the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety to the Governor-General, His Excellency, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd). The Final Report is the culmination of 28 months of work, including 23 public hearings involving 641 witnesses. Over 10,500 public submissions were received. The Final Report, and the recommendations made in it, will be available to read on the Royal Commission website once the Report has been tabled. Tabling is a matter for the Australian Government.

### **AUS: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety publishes new research**

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has published the following new research papers which are available via the link below:

[Research Paper 20 - Australia's Aged Care System: The Quality of Care Experience and Community Expectations](#)

### **AUS: New COVID-19 vaccine readiness toolkit now available**

The Department of Health has published a new readiness toolkit for residential aged care facilities to help prepare for the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, including obtaining and recording consent for residents. The vaccination program is commencing in residential aged care services in the week beginning 22 February. It will take a number of months to roll out the full vaccination program. For more information and to access the toolkit, please click [here](#).

## **Other updates**

### **IAHPC Scholarships to EAPC 2021 Online**

The European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) board has generously given the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) **10 complimentary registration passes** for the upcoming 17th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care Online to be held on October 6-8, 2021. The deadline to apply for the IAHPC Scholarship is June 30, 2021. Results will be announced mid-July 2021. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **PCA National Palliative Care Standards Generalist Supplement Project Working Group**

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) is seeking a member of the RACP's Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (AChPM) to join its National Palliative Care Standards Generalist Supplement Project Working Group. Applications close 8 March 2021. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **RACGP: Consultation on the definition of a general practice**

The RACGP is seeking feedback from members and other stakeholders on its definition of a general practice for the purpose of accreditation (the definition) to understand whether the current definition reflects all contemporary general practices. For more information and how you can respond to this consultation, please click [here](#).

### **ARTICLE: Harnessing social support for bereavement now and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic**

*Palliative Care in Social Practice* | Online 17 February 2021 – The current milieu of loss and grief underscores the urgent need to understand substantially more about how to promote social support for grieving persons. Such knowledge is underdeveloped yet increasingly relevant in the wake of “everyday” tragedies and large-scale events such as terrorism, newsworthy tragedies, natural disasters, and pandemics. Most bereavement care intervention efforts are targeted to addressing the needs of people with mental health concerns. However, health services are not necessarily well-equipped to identify bereaved individuals or provide appropriate bereavement care to the rising number of persons in need. The COVID-19 crisis provides the opportunity to focus on developing social support, now and in the future, so that our communities are equipped to provide responsive, timely, and sustainable social support. Understanding the giving, seeking, and accepting of social support is critical to investigate how social support can be bolstered to benefit griever, their supporters, and communities. The time is right for considerable investment in research to understand how social support can be optimised as part of the rapidly developing public health

palliative care movement that aims to reclaim dying and death in the everyday lives of individuals and communities. **Full text:** <http://bit.ly/3azPxa9>

**ARTICLE: Responding to the new International Classification of Diseases-11 prolonged grief disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic: A new bereavement network and three-tiered model of care**  
*Public Health*, 2021;191(2):85-90. The field of bereavement research and care is at a tipping point. The introduction of prolonged grief disorder (PGD) in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) has ignited clinical interest in this new disorder, along with debate over challenges in validating and implementing these new criteria. At the same time, the global COVID-19 pandemic has launched several local and international efforts to provide urgent support and comfort for individuals and communities suffering from grief. Recently, grief experts have called for a collective response to these complicated bereavements and possible increase in PGD due to COVID-19. The authors of this article outline a new European network that aims to unite a community of grief researchers and clinicians to provide accessible, evidence-based support particularly during times of unprecedented crisis. The Bereavement Network Europe (BNE) has been developed with two main aims. Firstly, to develop expert agreed, internationally acceptable guidelines for bereavement care through a three-tiered approach. Secondly, to provide a platform for researchers and clinicians to share knowledge, collaborate, and develop consensus protocols to facilitate the introduction of PGD to diverse stakeholders. This article outlines the current status and aims of the BNE along with the plans for upcoming network initiatives and the three-tiered bereavement care guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Full text:** <http://bit.ly/2OdfLGy>

### Professional training and development opportunities

**NZ: University of Otago: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COURSE: Application of the Hui Process / Meihana Model to Clinical Practice | online modules and one day course on 27 July 2021 | Christchurch, NZ**  
Open to the anyone working in the health community, this course comprises on-line learning modules and one on-site training seminar held in Christchurch on 27 July 2021. The course objective is to support health practitioners to feel informed and confident in the development of Hauora Māori competencies, with a special focus on the application of the Hui Process and Meihana Model. For more information and to register, please click here.

### 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!

### 2021 EVENTS

**UTS CST workshop on clinical challenges in pain management for people with cancer | 23 February 2021 | 2-4pm**

For more information and to register, please click here.

**17th annual Palliative Care symposium | 4 March 2021| Online presented by The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network** For more information and to register via Eventbrite, please click here.

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### **ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat –5-7 March 2021**

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee is hosting a multidisciplinary team retreat over 3 days on the theme of *“Exploring resilience within palliative and end of life care”* on 5 – 7 March 2021 in Hanmer Springs, NZ.

### **Kidney Supportive Care Symposium | 12 March 2021 | Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Education Centre**

The 2021 Kidney Supportive Care Symposium will be an opportunity to hear from leading international and local speakers on the latest in Kidney Supportive Care. Event Program and registration details TBA. For further information please email [Laura.Austin@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Laura.Austin@health.qld.gov.au)

### **PaCCSC & CST Annual Research Forum 2021: Clinical Trials in a Changing World | 11-12 March 2021 | via ZOOM**

This will be a joint forum that brings together leaders in palliative care & cancer symptom management. For more information about the program and speakers, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

### **Advanced European bioethics course “Suffering, Death and Palliative Care”, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 16-19 March 2021**

This course is organized by the section of Healthcare Ethics, IQ healthcare (Radboud University Medical Centre). More information at: <https://bit.ly/2eqVZ4A>

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

More information at [dconferences.com.au/aps2021/](https://dconferences.com.au/aps2021/)

### **Mary Potter Hospice Symposium 2021: Whetū i te Rangi: A symposium for enhancing care towards the end of life for Māori | 3 May 2021 | Wellington, NZ**

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

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

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

### **2021 Oceanic Palliative Care Conference | 7-10 September 2021**

Early Bird Registrations and the Call for Abstracts will open on 27 January 2021. More at: <https://oceanicpallcare.com/>

### **European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC): 17th World Congress | Online | 6-8 October 2021**

The EAPC Congress will be held online on 6 - 8 October 2021. More at: <https://industry-eapc21.interplan.de>

## **Careers**

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

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