

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2021.

Thank you to the organisers of the 2021 ANZCNS ASM. It was a wonderful and stimulating conference and thank you for your generosity in organizing the conference. Can't wait it to be a face to face meeting in 2022.

The 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZCNS will be held at the Pullman on the Park Melbourne, between Wednesday, 7th and Friday 9th September 2022.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

You should have already received an email with information about the new membership portal, and an invitation to set-up a password for your account, and renew membership for 2021-2022 cycle. This will be the only account required for your membership moving forward, so it's important you have your password set-up, even if you have paid for your membership with this year's meeting registration.

Please let us know if you would like us to re-send this email.

Members are also reminded to ensure their ANZCNS membership dues are up to date including previous years. Invoices will be sent out to members with outstanding fees for previous years. Please organise payment at your earliest convenience for your membership to remain current.

To check if your membership is current, please contact the ANZCNS office at admin@anzcns.org.au.

RACP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Further proposed dates for 2021 (Tuesdays 1-3pm AEST)

19th October: Immunotherapeutic options in paediatrics: agents and mechanisms of action AND Tumour biology

26th October: Presentation and diagnosis of brain and spine tumours/ neurosurgical management

2nd November: Therapeutic options: Radiotherapy AND Neurotoxicity of oncological treatments

9th November: Therapeutic options: chemotherapy, basic principles and complications AND Palliative care: approach, management

23rd November: Rheumatology: when to suspect (neuro manifestations), how to investigate AND Vertigo and dizziness for the neurologist

7th December: Paroxysmal dyskinesias and alternating hemiplegia? Periodic paralysis AND Shuddering / Benign Paroxysmal Torticollis / BPVertigo / Self-stimulation / Tonic upgaze / Tonic Downgaze

14th December: Functional neurological disorders AND Setting up private rooms

For those not on mailing list already, please contact the college (Neurology@racp.edu.au) to be added to the list.

We are on the look-out for speakers for 2022 so please volunteer!!
Alex Johnson, Victoria, Simone Arden-Holmes and Mark Mackay

RACP would like to remind everyone that CPD will be required for 2021.

MBA and MCNZ have finalised changes to CPD requirements – Important information for physicians.

2021 and 2022

There are no changes to CPD requirements in 2021 and 2022. Please see the RACP [2021 MyCPD Framework](#) for further details.

The [additional requirements for Aotearoa New Zealand Fellows](#) also remain in place. The College's CPD resources are available in the [MyCPD Interactive Handbook](#) and the [Online Learning Resources platform](#).

From 2023

The Medical Board of Australia has released its revised [Registration Standard - Continuing Professional Development](#)'.

The Medical Council of New Zealand's [Strengthened Recertification requirements](#) will also commence from 2023.

To align with the new standards, the RACP will implement changes from January 2023 through a revised MyCPD Framework. Further communications on the changes will be released throughout the second half of 2021 and in 2022.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the CPD Team if you have any questions – we're here to help.

AU: 1300 697 227 or MyCPD@racp.edu.au

NZ: 64 4 460 8122 or MyCPD@racp.org.nz

RESEARCH

NEW-DRUG TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF NEONATAL SEIZURES BY NEONATOLOGISTS AND PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGISTS.

An invitation for practicing consultant paediatric neurologists to participate in a brief survey. This survey is intended to provide a contemporary description of usual practice and the extent of practice variation within Australia and New Zealand, in order to assist in the design of clinical guidelines as well as future research. Once analysis of the survey responses is complete it will be submitted to the ANZCNS directors for approval prior to being submitted to a peer reviewed journal for publication. The survey is being conducted as part of a PhD project. [Please see attached invite and link to survey.](#)
<https://survey.app.uq.edu.au/Drug-treatment-of-neonatal-seizures-by-neonatologists-and-paediatric-neurologists.aspx>

PATIENT AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENETIC SCREENING FOR ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY

Dr Chris Jacobs at chris.jacobs@uts.edu.au from UTS is conducting a research to canvas the perspectives of people affected by Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) – patients and/or those at risk of ALD as well as those involved in their care (health professionals and their carers) – on the nature and level of care provided currently, including attitudes to screening/early detection, for ALD. Participation in this study will involve a one off semi-structured interview online or by telephone. The interview will last for 30-60 minutes, depending on how much you would like to say about your views and experiences. Please contact him if interested to participate.

MASSIMO'S MISSION, a MRFF funded leukodystrophy project.

If you have a historical patient who remains undiagnosed after local genomic testing (e.g. panel or singleton WES), there are funds to upgrade to trio WES or trio WGS.

If you are seeing a new patients in clinic, we can offer trio WES or trio WGS up front after initial basic screening investigations. Depending on the clinical urgency, the genomic testing could be

done as a RAPID test (15 working day turnaround). If there is no clinical urgency, then the standard time for a trio WES or trio WGS is approximately 3 months.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rick Leventer at richard.leventer@rch.org.au or Eloise Uebergang on (03) 8341 6382/ Eloise.Uebergang@mcri.edu.au if you have any questions or to check if they are eligible for genomic testing through Massimo's Mission.

AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER OF THE YOUNG EPILEPSY SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (THE ILAE-YES)

The ILAE-YES is a world-wide organisation of young people in the early stages of a career focused on the care of people with epilepsy, and/or epilepsy research:

<https://www.ilae.org/about-ilae/topical-commissions/yes/young-epilepsy-section-yes>

We are trying to recruit more clinicians and researchers to join the Australian chapter of the ILAE-YES with the hope of fostering a national network of individuals interested in epilepsy research, to promote research collaborations, network and share information on relevant grant and scholarship opportunities.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

ESA 35TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING

DATE: 2nd – 4th November 2021

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM 2021

VENUE: Hilton Hotel, Sydney and ONLINE

DATE: 21st - 23rd November 2021

AMERICAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: Chicago, Illinois

DATE: 3rd - 7th December 2021

7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PAEDIATRIC MOVEMENT DISORDERS

VENUE: Barcelona, Spain

DATE: 9th – 11th February 2022.

UPDATED-16th AOCCN

VENUE: Shangri-La, Bangkok, Thailand

DATE: 24th-26th March 2022

Please consider joining membership. The cost of lifetime membership is a one-off fee of US\$100. All ANZCNS members are encouraged to apply. Membership application can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.aocna.org/index.php/en/membership-application>

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY, 74TH ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: Seattle, WA

DATE: 2nd - 7th April 2022

EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY SOCIETY

14th EPNS Congress

VENUE: Glasgow, UK

DATE: 28th April - 2nd May 2022

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

BPNA COURSE

The first boutique style Australian course PET1 was successfully delivered in May and was well received.

PET1 will be repeated with PET3 at the end of October. There is now a long waiting list for courses, and unfortunately currently only able to run a single small group from Sydney due to limited faculty availability. It is hoped that virtual faculty training will become available to allow us to meet the demand for course as soon as possible.

For more details, please contact Simone at simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM 2021

26th October - Queensland Children's Hospital

23rd November - Monash Medical Centre

21st December - Sydney Children's Hospital

Site Training Co-ordinators:

Perth Children's Hospital: **Mohd (Najm) Khan**

Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne: **Nicola Fearn**

Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney: **Romain Briest**

Westmead Children's Hospital, Sydney: **Emily Innes**

Queensland Children's Hospital, Brisbane: **Anita Cairns/Sophie Calvert**

John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle: **Gopi Subramanian**

Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland: **Cynthia Sharpe/Gina O'Grady**

Wellington Hospital /University of Otago: **Erik Andersen/Lynette Sadleir**

Gold Coast University Hospital: **Harry Singh**

Royal Hobart Hospital: **Tyson Ware**

Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne: **Michael Fahey/Shabeed Chelakkadan**

I will endeavour to send out a newsletter every 2 months; the next will be in December. If there are any urgent announcements, I'll be more than happy to accommodate and alter the schedule. So if any members have brief paragraphs of news, stories or items of interest please forward them to Lejla (admin@anzcns.org.au) or Hooi Ling Teoh (hooiling.teoh@health.nsw.gov.au) and we will be more than happy to include them in our newsletters.

Thank you very much for reading and hope everyone is keeping well.

Kind regards,
Hooi Ling and Lejla

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