

Dear ANZCNS Members,

## **WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2021.**

Our paediatric neurology community was sadly rocked by the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr Kate Sinclair in October. Kate was a very friendly, warm and generous person and she will be missed greatly. Our deepest condolences go out to her family, friends and colleagues. May she Rest in Peace.

### **ANZCNS 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

The 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZCNS will be held at the;

**Venue:** Pullman on the Park Melbourne

**Date:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE**

You should have 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 year. 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 the 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 to keep your membership current.

For any questions about the membership, please contact the ANZCNS office at [admin@anzcns.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcns.org.au).

### **RACP ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **RACP MyCPD program upgrade – enhanced functionality.**

The RACP MyCPD program has introduced changes that will assist participants with recording their CPD.

- Notifications – just like social media apps, you will now get notifications when logging into MyCPD advising of key dates, and other CPD related information.
- Badges – provide a quick and easy snapshot of completed and remaining requirements so that you can track your progress in real-time.
- Integration with our Online Learning platform – educational activities completed via our Online Learning platform will now automatically record to your CPD record.
- You can now record activities in 30-minute increments
- Professional Development Planning e.g., linking goals, activities to your PDPs using a more intuitive system.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the CPD Team if you have any questions or suggestions for future enhancements.

AU: 1300 697 227 or [MyCPD@racp.edu.au](mailto:MyCPD@racp.edu.au)

NZ: 64 4 460 8122 or [MyCPD@racp.org.nz](mailto:MyCPD@racp.org.nz)

## **PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

Proposed dates for 2022 (Tuesdays 1-4pm AEST)

Feb 15th (3rd week)

March 15th (3rd week)

April 12th (2nd week due to Easter break)

May 31st (5th week due to RACP Congress)

June 21st (3rd week)

July 19th (3rd week)

August 16th (3rd week)

Sept 20th (3rd week)

Oct 18th (3rd week)

Nov 15th (3rd week)

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

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

### **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.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:richard.leventer@rch.org.au) or Eloise Uebergang on (03) 8341 6382/ [Eloise.Uebergang@mcri.edu.au](mailto: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**

### **7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PAEDIATRIC MOVEMENT DISORDERS**

VENUE: Barcelona, Spain and Virtual

DATE: 9th – 11th February 2022

## **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY, 74TH ANNUAL MEETING**

VENUE: Seattle, WA

DATE: 2nd - 7th April 2022

## **EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY SOCIETY**

14<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress

VENUE: Glasgow, UK

DATE: 28th April - 2nd May 2022

## **16th AOCCN**

VENUE: Virtual

DATE: 2nd - 4th September 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>

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## **17<sup>th</sup> International Child Neurology Congress**

VENUE: Antalya, Turkey

DATE: 3rd - 7th October 2022

## **51<sup>st</sup> CHILD NEUROLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

VENUE: Cincinnati, Ohio

DATE: 12th-15th October 2022

## **ESA 36TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA

## **AMERICAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **British Paediatric Neurology Association Paediatric Epilepsy Training (BPNA PET) courses will be launched in 2022, initially virtual. Your participation is invited!**

Australian neurologists are needed to teach courses with a view to improving the knowledge and care provided for children with epilepsy by paediatricians across the country. This requires training to become BPNA PET Australian faculty. At least 24 faculty will be needed, with representatives from every state (NSW 8+, Vic 8+, Queensland 6, SA 2, WA 2, Tasmania 1), with a view to faculty teaching 3 days per year.

Training will be available in March (up to 15 faculty), followed by teaching the course in May or July, with a subsequent training opportunity in September/October. Faculty from other countries report enjoying the collegiality of teaching in the program, networking with paediatricians, and the tangible improvements in patient care that follow. Please discuss with your team who will be involved.

Diary dates:

Wednesday 9 – Thursday 10 March (evening training),  
Monday 28 March (attend PET1),  
Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 May (teach PET1/PET2) and  
Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 July (teach PET1/PET3)  
Please encourage your neurology trainees to attend courses, with a view to then becoming faculty.  
Please contact Simone Ardern-Holmes to confirm your availability to participate ([simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au)).

### **ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM 2022**

25th January - Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne  
22nd February - The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
22nd March - Queensland Children's Hospital  
26th April - Sydney Children's Hospital  
24th May - Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland  
28th June - Perth Children's Hospital  
26th July - Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne  
23rd August - John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle  
27th September - The Children's Hospital at Westmead  
25th October - Queensland Children's Hospital  
22nd November - Monash Medical Centre  
20th 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 would also like to congratulate Dr Steve Malone as the incoming president for ESA. Very few from paediatrics have taken on that task.

I will endeavour to send out a newsletter every 2 months; the next will be in February. 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](mailto:admin@anzcns.org.au)) or Hooi Ling Teoh ([hooiling.teoh@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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. Wishing all a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Kind regards,  
Hooi Ling and Lejla

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