

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2022.

A very happy new year to everyone. Let's hope we will get to see each other this year. Please read on for many exciting news.

ANZCNS 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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

Venue: Pullman on the Park Melbourne

Date: Wednesday, 7th to Friday, 9th 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.

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

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

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.

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

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PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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

March 15th (3rd week)

- Dr Gina O'Grady: Acute generalised weakness / Rhabdomyolysis / Myasthenic crisis / Botulism
- A/Prof Kate Riney: Management of Tuberous Sclerosis
- Dr Gary Williams: Anoxic brain injury (re: prognosis) Brain death (dx)

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

- A/Prof Annie Bye: Epilepsy in Adolescence: Key Issues
- Dr Lynnette Sadleir: IGE 1 - CAE, JAE, MAE
- Dr Deepak Gill: IGE 2 - convulsive JME, IPOE, Jeavons

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) to be added to the list.

RESEARCH

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for next ICNA Executive Board and Secretary and Treasurer 2022-2026

An open call has been placed for nominations from the Nominations Committee for Secretary and Treasurer positions on the ICNA Executive and nominations to the ICNA Executive Board. The call expires on March 31st, 2022.

ANZCNS members who would like to suggest someone be nominated are requested to contact Dr Kate Riney (drkateriney@qldkidsneuro.com), who is on the ICNA nominations committee, to discuss the requirements and process for nomination.

Current ICNA Executive Board member Prof. Lakshmi Nagarajan has been nominated for the position of secretary and Dr Kate Riney has been nominated for a position on the Executive Board by the ICNA Nominations Committee.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY, 74TH ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: Seattle, WA, USA

DATE: 2nd - 7th April 2022

INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC STROKE ORGANISATION CONFERENCE

VENUE: Vienna, Austria

DATE: 24th – 26th April 2022

EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY SOCIETY

14th EPNS Congress

VENUE: Glasgow, UK

DATE: 28th April - 2nd May 2022

SEMINARS IN PEDIATRIC NEUROIMAGING

VENUE: Aerial UTS Function Centre, Sydney, AU

DATE: 4th-6th August 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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17th INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY CONGRESS

VENUE: Antalya, Turkey

DATE: 3rd-7th October 2022

Please consider joining membership. Lifetime membership is free. Membership application can be accessed at the following link:

[Join the ICNA \(icnapedia.org\)](http://www.icnapedia.org)

51st CHILD NEUROLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

DATE: 12th-15th October 2022

UNSW Medicine and Health Short Courses

A series of credential short courses relevant to medicine and health sector. Please check out the link and attached flyer if interested. An ANZCNS membership only discount can be requested if registered after the early bird registration. (See below*)

<https://shortcourses.health.unsw.edu.au>

ESA 36TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

VENUE: Adelaide Convention Centre

DATE: 26th-28th October 2022

AMERICAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: Nashville, USA

DATE: 2nd-6th December 2022

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 programme, networking with paediatricians, and the tangible improvements in patient care that follow. Please discuss with your team who will be involved.

Diary dates:

Wednesday -Thursday 9-10 March (evening training)

Monday 28 March (attend PET1),

Monday-Wednesday 23-25 May (teach PET1/PET2) and

Wednesday-Friday 27-29 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).

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM, CCF 2022

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: **Emily Innes**
Westmead Children's Hospital, Sydney: **Joanne Davidson**
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 April. 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 (hooling.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

* UNSW Medicine and Health Short Courses has offered the ANZCNS membership a special discount for their courses.
Current early bird discount is 25% for all their courses. This will end 28th February 22.
From 1 March, for individual registrations,

- Ongoing 15% discount for the [Genomics](#) short course.
- Ongoing 20% discount for other courses, including the [Human Factors](#) short course.
- With immediate effect, an offer of 50% discount for group registration of 5 ANZCNS members for each of these selected short courses:
 - [Change Management](#)
 - [Fundamentals of Clinicians Becoming Healthcare Leaders](#)
 - [Project Management within Healthcare](#)

To collect the above discount, please insert "[ANZCNS Discount](#)" in the email subject.

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