

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2022.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstracts Submissions: **OPEN**
Abstracts Submissions Close: **4th July 2022**
Registrations Open: **Mid-June 2022**
Early Bird Registrations Close: **25th July 2022**

ANZCNS TRAINEES DAY

In the spirit of continuing further education with Paediatric Brain School, the ANZCNS would like to invite trainees and interested others to an inaugural 'Trainees Day' to follow on after the ANZCNS conference 2022 (7-9th September).

This will occur on the afternoon of Friday 9th September, and on the day of Saturday 10th September, and will feature talks on topics including

- Neurometabolic conditions and metabolic approach to encephalopathy and seizures
- Evolution of CNS and foetal MRI
- Developmental approach to learning and disability, IQ and neuropsychological testing, specific learning disorders
- Principles of neurogenetics, prenatal and presymptomatic testing
- Career advice including career paths, balancing life / career

Trainees will be supported by the ANZCNS to attend the sessions and for catering.

Consultants who would like to attend will need to contribute a fee (to be established) largely to cover room hire and catering.

Registration will open in conjunction with the ASM.

We hope you will be supportive of this exciting new endeavour!
Paediatric Brain School Committee

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

You should have received an email reminder for payment of membership fees, if still outstanding. 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.

For any questions about the membership, please contact the ANZCNS office at admin@anzcns.org.au.

RACP ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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

May 31st – EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES

- MRI Epilepsy Associated Tumours and other: Ganglioglioma, DNET, oligodend – *Dr Melinda Nolan*
- Novel treatments and update on trials. Other therapies VNS and CBD – *Dr Jeremy Freeman*
- IEE 1 - WS, LGS – *Dr Katherine Howell*

June 21st – FOCAL EPILEPSIES

- IPE - BRE, BOE, LKS etc – *Dr Tyson Ware*
- Focal Epilepsies - FLE, TLE, HS, FCD – *Dr Emma MacDonald-Laurs*
- Hemispheric' epilepsies – *Dr John Lawson*

July 19th – MISCELLANEOUS: COMA, EPILEPSY SURGERY

August 16th – EPILEPSY MANAGEMENT

Sept 20th – NEUROIMAGING

Oct 18th – STROKE

Nov 15th – STROKE SYNDROMES AND MANAGEMENT

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ILAE Congress program innovation Task Force seeks ILAE Chapter members thoughts on the International Epilepsy Congress. The attached link has a brief (5-10 minute) survey to understand members thoughts on professional priorities and needs, with an aim that the meeting can help better share the epilepsy community's diverse experiences.

www.ilae.org/iec-survey

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.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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

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

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>

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:

Monday, 23rd May PET1 – registration flyer attached.

Please encourage your neurology trainees to attend courses, with a view to then becoming faculty.

Please contact Simone Ardern-Holmes or ANZCNS admin to confirm your availability to participate (simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au).

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM, CCF 2022

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/Tariq Gubara**

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 June. 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).

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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