

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2022.

ANZCNS 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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

For more information and online registration please visit the [Meeting website](#).

Early Bird registrations close on **Monday, 25th July**.

ANZCNS TRAINEE 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, you can view the Preliminary Program [here](#).

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 of \$150pp incl GST.

[Registration](#) is now open and 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 (from MemberPress) for payment of membership fees for the new 2022/2023 cycle.

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.

DR KATE SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

The ANZCNS is offering a scholarship of A\$25,000 for one year for a single successful applicant, to provide research support. The vision of the scholarship is to support an individual with the potential for a clinical research career to develop their research and as a bridge to achieve further funding.

The scholarship may be used for a diverse range of funding including, but not limited to, support time for applicants, to employ a Research Assistant or for the purchase of specific equipment to enable research.

For any application, there must be an agreement with the department for guaranteed quarantined time for research.

Preference will be given to Early Career Researchers who are close to submitting their PhD or in their first three years post PhD, though individuals doing their PhD full-time without other sources of funding are also eligible to apply.

The application will include:

1.
 - a) A 1-page research track record including publications
 - b) A 2-page summary of strategic vision for the year including feasibility and
 - c) A statement of how the scholarship will help the candidate's future research vision
2. A separate clear letter of support from the Head of Department, with a promise of quarantined time
3. A single referee endorsement

Please email your application to admin@anzcns.org.au by **5pm on Friday 29th July 2022**.

The successful candidate will be expected to attend the 2022 ANZCNS ASM (Melbourne, 7-9th September 2022) to receive their scholarship and the 2023 ANZCNS ASM (Adelaide) to provide an update on their research.

Selection committee: Michael Fahey, Russell Dale, Alex Johnson and Gina O'Grady

OVERSEAS TRAINING IN MONTREAL, FULLY FUNDED

The Montreal Children's Hospital-McGill University Health Centre is excited to be welcoming a group of 16 non-Ministry-of-Health funded "Shevell Scholars" in 2022: including 2 Canadians and 14 international trainees.

We are excited to build on the strength of past campaigns and announce that applications are now open for the 2023 academic year; the deadline for applications is **September 1, 2022**.

Successful applicants can once again benefit from fully funded opportunities. They need not come with their own sources of funding. Further detailed information is provided below or contact Natalie Ross (natalie.ross@muhc.mcgill.ca).

Advanced subspecialty pediatric residency and fellowship training across a spectrum of areas:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Cardiology
- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology & Metabolism
- Gastroenterology & Nutrition
- General Pediatrics
- Hematology-Oncology
- Infectious Diseases
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- **Neurology**
- Respiratory Medicine
- Rheumatology

The Montreal Children's Hospital-McGill University Health Centre promotes excellence in pediatric residency and fellowship training, with an emphasis on producing future clinical, educational and research leaders.

Pediatric Subspecialty Residency Training Programs

Application deadline: September 1, 2022

Residency programs – descriptions and information

<https://www.mcgill.ca/peds/education-training/pgme>

Admissions information, deadlines and how to apply

For questions related to Fellowship training, please email pgadm.med@mcgill.ca

Canadian applicants: <https://www.carms.ca/match/psm/>

Pediatric Subspecialty Fellowship Training Programs

Application deadline: September 1, 2022

Fellowship programs – descriptions and information

<https://www.mcgill.ca/peds/education-training/pgme/programs>

Admissions information, deadlines and how to apply

<https://www.mcgill.ca/pgme/fellowships/welcome>

For questions related to Fellowship training, please email pgcoordinator.med@mcgill.ca

The Montreal Children's Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre is one of Canada's leading tertiary care pediatric teaching hospitals. The Children's, located in Montreal, Quebec, Canada is the only pediatric facility serving the McGill Réseau universitaire intégré santé (RUIS), with:

- **1,542** employees, including **977** professionals within the Nursing directorate; **565** multidisciplinary services professionals; and more than **270** academic physicians, surgeons, radiologists, psychiatrists, pharmacists and anesthetists.
- **4,648*** inpatient admissions/year (**6,000** inpatient admissions/year pre-pandemic).
- **165,893** patient visits/year to outpatient clinics and the Day Hospital. This includes medical, surgical, allied health, diagnostic services, psychiatry, etc.
- **68,520*** visits/year to Emergency Department (**80,000** Emergency Department visits/year pre-pandemic).
- **21** medical ambulatory clinics.
- **6,596*** procedures and surgeries performed/year (**8,119** procedures and surgeries performed/year pre-pandemic), including cardiac surgery, pediatric general and thoracic surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology – head & neck surgery, ophthalmology, plastic surgery and urology.

* Decrease due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH) Department of Pediatrics is a part of McGill University which has been ranked Canada's #1 medical-doctoral university for the past consecutive 17 years. McGill University has also been ranked among the top 30 universities world-wide. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mcgill.ca/medhealthsci/about/glance>.

For more information about the MCH Department of Pediatrics and The Montreal Children's Hospital, including history, medical breakthroughs and milestones, please visit <https://www.mcgill.ca/peds/>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Royal Children's Hospital has a 3year, full-time position as Director in the Department of Neurology.

Please see attached document for details of the position.

RACP ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOCUS GROUPS FOR TRAINEES

The RACP is organising focus groups for trainees to “Share trainee experiences of working with people with cognitive disability” and are hoping to recruit Paediatric Neurology trainees. Please see attached [EOI link](#).



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

Trends in diagnosis and management of ESES (electrical status epilepticus of sleep).

We wish to explore current opinion and practice like to seek your feedback the Australian and New Zealand child neurology fraternity regarding ESES/CSWS and EESES/ECSWS.

ESES (*electrical status epilepticus of sleep*) also called CSWS (*continuous spike wave during slow wave sleep*) is a term coined to characterise marked activation of epileptiform discharges on EEG during slow wave sleep.

ESES/CSWS may be associated with epileptic encephalopathy and then referred to as epileptic encephalopathy with EESES/ECSWS. The EEG and clinical criteria used to define/diagnose ESES/CSWS and EESES/ECSWS vary widely.

We wish to explore current opinion and practise among the Australian and New Zealand child neurology fraternity regarding ESES/CSWS and EESES/ECSWS.

We thank you for participation and contribution in this survey.

- Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to access the survey.
- It should take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

Survey Link: <https://datalibrary-rc.health.wa.gov.au/surveys/?s=LRN3H9AYF99DLYWC>

QR Code:



For information, please contact Dr. Snehal Shah | Paediatric Neurology consultant | Department of Neurology

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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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Venue: Pullman on the Park Melbourne, AU

Date: 7th-9th September 2022

17th INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY CONGRESS (ICNC)

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://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

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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

July 19th – MISCELLANEOUS: COMA, EPILEPSY SURGERY

- Dravet and EE – *Ingrid Scheffer*
- Considering epilepsy surgery: an approach to assessment – *Simon Harvey*
- The child with altered conscious state: incl encephalopathy, coma – *Chris Troedson*

August 16th – EPILEPSY MANAGEMENT

- Choosing anticonvulsants - rationales, side effects and approaches – *Sachin Gupta*
- Ketogenic diet - practicalities, risks & benefits - *Michael Cardamone*
- IEE 2 - Neonatal and early onset EE - *Lakshmi Nagarajan*

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.

BRITISH PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATION PAEDIATRIC EPILPESY TRAINING (BPNA PET) COURSES WILL BE LAUNCHED IN 2022. 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.

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, 31st October to Friday, 4th November 2022 – face to face courses to be held in Sydney.

31st October – PET1

1st and 2nd November – PET2

4th November – PET1

More information will be available shortly.

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

Please contact Simone Arden-Holmes to confirm your availability to participate

(simone.ardernholmes@health.nsw.gov.au).

ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM, CCF 2022

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 September. 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).

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

Kind regards,

Hooi Ling and Lejla

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