

Dear ANZCNS Members,

WELCOME TO THE ANZCNS E-NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2022.

Congratulations to Prof Lakshmi Nagarajan and Prof Kate Riney in their appointment as the Secretary and Board member of ICNA, respectively. Great representation for Asia Oceania and many thanks from us.

ANZCNS 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Thank you very much to all attendees and organisers for a successful scientific meeting. I am sure all will agree it was of high quality and so nice to see everyone again after many online conferences.

EOI: JMO representative for ANZCNS

Hi all trainees,

The board will be looking for a new trainee representative to sit on the ANZCNS. To start from October/November 2022. This is a great opportunity to represent trainee views and build strong education and social ties between Paediatric Neurology trainees. It's also a great addition to your CV.

Anyone can apply who is in first or second year training.

The job entails attendance at monthly board meetings and creating community and feedback for the trainees around Aus and NZ.

Please email expression of interest along with CV and a short paragraph about why you'd like this position to Ellen.hurley@health.nsw.gov.au before 30 September 2022.

Many thanks,

Ellen Hurley
Current ANZCNS trainee member

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

Congratulations to Dr Hannah Jones and Dr Didu Kariyawasam (Sandi) for their award of the Dr Kate Sinclair scholarship. Two outstanding proposals. We look forward to hearing the outcome of your research projects.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

I am looking for a Full time Paediatric neurologist to join my private practice (Queensland paediatric specialist) in South East Queensland.

Please contact Dr Harry Singh on mobile or via email to discuss options and expression of interest.

Email: drsinghharry@icloud.com

Mobile: 0403411811

Regards

Dr Harry Singh

Paediatric Neurologist

Associate Professor and Clinical Lead Bond University Gold Coast

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 [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

NEW: PAEDIATRIC NEURO_CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM

Venue: Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and Online

DATE: 18th October 2022 at 0930-1600.

Please see attached flyer for details.

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://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

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

PAEDIATRIC BRAIN SCHOOL - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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

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) COURSE LAUNCH IN AUSTRALIA IN 2022

The official Australian BPNA Paediatric Epilepsy Training launch is bit over a month away! Hope you have saved the dates in your diary Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November, otherwise there's still time for a creative reshuffle to join in!

We look forward to welcoming to Sydney our own Professor Ingrid Scheffer, along with UK faculty including Professor Helen Cross, and Drs Martin Kirkpatrick, Anita Devlin and Manali Chitre, as well as NZ course director Professors Lynette Sadlier. They will be joining the existing Australian faculty members to launch this important collaborative educational programme to improve epilepsy care for children around Australia.

Come and train with us to teach PET courses! **More information in the attached flyer.**

For those interested in attending the course, there are few options available, please refer to the **attached flyer** for more details and online registration link.

Kind regards

Simone Ardern-Holmes

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ANZCNS CLINICAL CASE FORUM, CCF 2022

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: **Christina Miteff**

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 November. 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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