

## The FPM Board met on July 27, 2015.

The next 2015 FPM Board meeting will be held in Queenstown on Thursday October 1 in conjunction with the Spring Meeting.

## Build Fellowship and the Faculty

### Corporate affairs

**2015 Business Plan:** The Faculty has made good progress against key initiatives in the second quarter against the business plan. These were: implementation of the revised FPM training program including “Essential Topic Area” (ETA) development; business requirements for technology to support FPM training site accreditation; expansion of the Better Pain Management program by a further 6 modules; and implementation of the Examinations Management System for the Foundations of Pain Medicine Examination. A new contract has been signed with the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) for the journal “*Pain Medicine*”.

### Assessor

**New Fellows:** The following are to be congratulated on their admission to FPM Fellowship by Training and examination:

Dr Mark J Heynes, FANZCA	Victoria
Dr Michael E Foss, FANZCA	New South Wales
Dr Kiran Tippur, FCARCSI	Victoria
Dr Tze Chao Wee, FAFRM(RACP)	Singapore
Dr Cameron B Gourlay, FANZCA	Tasmania

**Training Unit Accreditation:** The Austin Health Pain Service, Victoria and the Pain Matrix Geelong, Victoria have become Level 1 and Level 2 accredited training units, respectively. This brings the number of accredited pain units to 33.

### Resources

**2015 budget:** The Faculty’s finances remained in a favourable position against budget at the end of June 2015.

**Accommodation review:** The Faculty staff has moved back to Level 2 North of ANZCA House following completion of the office refit.

## Build the curriculum and knowledge

### Education

**Supervisor of Training ratification:** The Faculty of Pain Medicine has appointed the following Supervisors of Training:

Dr Brett Chandler, Pain Matrix Geelong, Victoria

Dr Jonathan Chan, the Flinders Medical Centre, South Australia

Dr Andrew Huang, Austin Health Pain Service, Austin Hospital, Victoria

Dr Geoff Speldewinde, Canberra Hospital Pain Management Unit, ACT

**Curriculum Redesign Project:** The Curriculum Release 2 Project will come to a close on July 31 within time and within budget.

The FPM Board has approved the establishment of a Learning and Development (L & D) Committee to take over from the Curriculum Release 2 Project Steering Group. The FPM Board has approved the membership and the Terms of Reference of the Learning and Development Committee.

The L & D Committee will oversee the FPM training program and take responsibility for ongoing support and evaluation of the training program from August 1.

The Board acknowledges the Curriculum Release 2 Project Steering Group, as well as the Essential Topic Area and the Optional Topic Area authoring groups for their hard work and commitment to excellence as this project comes to a close.

**FPM Better Pain Management Education Program:** 'Better Pain Management – Pain Education for Professionals.' is an interactive online education program that examines best practice pain management for all health care professionals.

The Better Pain Management enhancement of the 6 modules is proceeding according to plan. Three modules have gone to development and the other modules are in the final draft stage with the authoring groups. The online content for the second set of modules is being refined so that the modules are understandable and appropriate for the target audience.

The Board pays tribute to the Better Pain Management Program Steering Group and the Fellows participating in this initiative.

**Opioid equi-analgesic dose calculator:** The Faculty's project to develop a smart phone application (App) designed to calculate dose equivalence of opioid analgesic medications is now well advanced. The final version has been approved. The developer will build the app for public access via Apple and Android phones. Development of a website to house the app is underway as well.

### Continuing Professional Development

#### *Scientific Meetings*

**2015 Spring Meeting – October 2-4, Queenstown NZ**

*Convenor: Dr Duncan Wood*

**2016 Refresher Course Day and ASM – April 29 and April 30-May 4, Auckland**

**Convenor changes:** Dr Jane Thomas has been appointed as the FPM Refresher Course Day Convenor. Dr Jim Olson has been appointed as the FPM Scientific Convenor.

Dr John Pereira (Canada) has been appointed as the third FPM international visitor following funding from BNZ Private Bank.

**2016 New Fellows Conference:** Dr Meredith Craigie has been nominated as the Board Representative to the 2016 New Fellows Conference in New Zealand from April 27-29, 2016.

**2016 Spring Meeting – September 16-18, Adelaide Hills**

Dr Dilip Kapur has been appointed as the Convenor for the 2016 Spring Meeting at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, South Australia.

**2017 Refresher Course Day and ASM – May 12 and May 13-17 – Brisbane**

Dr Kathleen Mary Cooke, FANZCA, FPMANZCA (QLD) has been appointed as the FPM Scientific Convenor for the 2017 ASM in Brisbane, Queensland.

**Research**

**Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC):** Progress continues with this initiative. The next benchmarking report to participating sites is due in mid-August for patients from the January 2015 to June 2015 period. A national report will soon be released that will be shorter and of broader interest than the reports sent to the services.

Roll-out of this initiative continues to expand with 8 new services joining (6 from TAC/Worksafe funded in Victoria, 1 in Perth and 1 in Brisbane). This takes the number of participating sites to about 40.

**Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition:** This working party aims for electronic publication before the end of 2015. A printed version should be available at the ANZCA ASM 2016 in Auckland. Currently 12 contributions are pre-final and 37 contributions are final.

**Pain Device Implant Registry:** The pain device companies held a briefing in May 2015 to discuss proposed governance arrangements, and to review the funding model to progress this initiative.

**Build advocacy and access**

**Professional**

**Notified Fellow's Publications:**

Review Article: Vitamin D Deficiency and Pain: Clinical Evidence of Low Levels of Vitamin D and Supplementation in Chronic Pain States: E A Shipton, Pain Research and Treatment DOI: 10.1007/s40122-015-0036-8 Pain Ther. 2015;4(1):67-87 Date published: April 29, 2015 [www.paintherapy-open.com](http://www.paintherapy-open.com)

Original research: Perioperative Pain Correlates and Prolonged Postoperative Pain Predictors: Demographic and Psychometric Questionnaires: E A Shipton, Pain and Therapy DOI 10.1007/s40122-015-0037-7 Date published: June 13, 2015 [www.paintherapy-open.com](http://www.paintherapy-open.com)

**Submissions:**

The Faculty has contributed to the following submissions:

- European Pain Federation EFIC, Belgium: Medicine Training Program 2015 Curriculum
- Medicines and Technology Policy and Programs (MTPP); Department for Health and Ageing; SA Health; and to the National Pharmaceutical Drug Misuse Working Group
- Department of Health, Therapeutic Goods Administration; ACT: Codeine – Public Consultation on proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard
- Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria: Review of the Drugs, poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) ACT: FPM response to PBAC query in regard to additional strengths of buprenorphine (Norspan®) and oxycodone with naloxone (Targin®)



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