

FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

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Seasons greetings

The Faculty staff warmly wishes all of you the very best for the Festive Season and happy and prosperous 2013.



Trainee News

New Fellows

Congratulations to the following trainee who has completed their training and examination requirements and were admitted to Fellowship:

4 October 2012

Dr Romil Jain

5 December 2013

Dr Tipu Aamir
Dr Jayne Berryman
Dr Jenny Jin

We are pleased to report that this takes the total number of Fellows admitted to 335.

2012 examination

The 2012 Faculty of Pain Medicine examination was held during November 23-25 at the Starship Children's Health and Auckland City Hospital, Auckland. Twenty-eight candidates sat the exam. Twenty-two were successful. The Barbara Walker Prize for Excellence in the Pain Medicine Examination was awarded to Dr Meena Mittal (Vic). A merit award went to Dr Laurent Wallace (NSW).



2013 examination

Trainees are advised that in 2013 the written component of the examination will be held two weeks prior to the clinical. Exact dates and details will be advised in early 2013.

Clinical case study guidelines

The case report that is to be completed by all trainees before gaining their fellowship has undergone extensive review and revision over the last two years. Some aspects of the previous process have been

retained and others changed. The case report will now be known as the clinical case study. The aim of the clinical case study is to assist trainee development of the knowledge, skills and attitudes expected of specialist pain medicine physicians. The process will include both formative and summative assessment.

There are two new documents available on the FPM website that outline the process recommended for the development, submission and assessment of the clinical case study. The first document, entitled "[FPM clinical case study submission](#)" outlines the process recommended for developing the case study as well as the submission process. The second document is the "[FPM clinical case study assessment](#)" form that the assessors will be using to assess the case study and provide structured feedback to trainees to enable further refinement of the case study should it not meet the standard required. The goals and the assessment process of the clinical case study are clearly outlined in these documents. All clinical case studies submitted forthwith will be assessed by the criteria set out in the FPM clinical case study assessment form.

The clinical case study will be retained in the new curriculum because it address the roles of professional, scholar, communicator and clinician, all important roles of a specialist pain medicine physician that are not well-covered by other elements of the pain medicine training program.

Any queries about the requirements or submission process can be directed to [Ms Penny McNair](#).

Please note: If you are hoping to present for fellowship at the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) but have yet to submit your clinical case study to complete your training requirements, please be aware that mid-February is the deadline for submission to allow sufficient time for assessment by a reviewer.

2013 Fee Schedule

The [2013 Schedule of Fees](#) is now located on the Faculty website.

A "Registration Maintenance Fee" will be due in the New Year for those Trainees who are no longer in structured training but have outstanding requirements. Those wishing to remain registered will be required to pay a fee equal to 25% of the Annual Training Fee. Those who choose not to remain registered, but later decide to complete their training and/or assessment will need to re-enroll as a trainee. The Faculty Office will be in contact with relevant Trainees early in 2013.

Curriculum redesign project

During November and December, members of the Project Steering Group have been involved in the scripting and filming of videos, which will inform the fellowship about the new curriculum framework and program that will be introduced. The videos and the program overview document will be available from the FPM website, just prior to Christmas.

A consultation process will occur with the fellowship, in relation to the new curriculum framework and program, from late January to mid-February. This process will involve a range of webinars (some for specific stakeholder groups) and a special regional face-to-face meeting in each major city across Australia and New Zealand. A schedule for the webinars and special regional meetings will be published in early January.

Following the consultation process, the curriculum framework and program will be fine-tuned.

2013 ASM Call for Abstracts

The scientific convenors invite prospective authors for the Dean's Prize and Best Free Paper session to submit their abstracts for presentation at the 2013 ANZCA/FPM ASM being held May 4-8, 2013. Submissions close February 8, 2013.

The FPM Dean's Prize is awarded for original work presented in the area of Pain, judged to be a significant contribution to Pain medicine and/or Pain Research. Eligibility is limited to FPM trainees, trainees of the 5 participating professional bodies of the FPM, or Fellows of FPM within eight (8) years of admission to their original Fellowship. The prize takes the form of a certificate and a grant of AU\$1,000 for educational or research purposes. The prize will be awarded at the FPM Annual General Meeting. For those not eligible for the Dean's Prize, a Best Free Paper award will also be made at the FPM AGM.

To submit an abstract, please [click here](#).

AFRM Bi-National training program

Opportunities for FPM trainees to attend these sessions will continue in 2013. There will be no site or individual fee for Faculty trainees attending BNTP sessions from a site where there is an AFRM trainee. To view the 2013 timetable, please [click here](#).

Training Unit Accreditation

Following successful paper reviews, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney and The Kowloon East Cluster Pain Unit have been re-accredited for pain medicine training.

Please [click here](#) to find a list of our accredited training sites via the link below.

Educational documents

The Faculty of Pain Medicine has produced a series of educational documents as a resource for Fellows and trainees. Please [click here](#) to view these documents.

Upcoming Events

2013 Refresher Course Day and Faculty Dinner

"Selling pain science – communication and cultural competition"

The 2013 FPM Refresher Course Day and Faculty dinner will be held on May 3, 2013, in conjunction with the 2013 ANZCA/FPM ASM in Melbourne. Speakers include international guests Professor Edzard Ernst (UK) and Professor Fabrizio Benedetti (Italy) complemented by speakers from medical and non-medical backgrounds with expertise in all facets of communication.

The annual dinner will be held at Eureka 89, Southbank which offers extraordinary views of Melbourne.

To register, please download the [registration form](#) from the Faculty website:

2013 Melbourne Annual Scientific Meeting

"Supersition Dogma and Science"

The 2013 ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from May 4-8. The theme is an opportunity for each of us to critically question the basis for our clinical decisions – superstition, dogma or science? The focus will be on pragmatic aspects of anaesthesia and pain medicine practice.

Please see the ASM website for more information: JESS CANYOU PLEASE INCLUDE THE HYPERLINK:
<http://www.anzca2013.com/>

Courses, workshops and podcasts

Opioid receptors

This podcast provides an overview of opioid receptors, endogenous opioid peptides and opioid receptor signalling. It also addresses current hypotheses on mechanisms that have the potential to underpin diversity in opioid receptor signaling including opioid receptor splice variants, opioid receptor complexes (heterodimers and higher order oligomers) and opioid receptor biased signaling in a ligand-dependent manner.

The following podcasts have recently been published and are now available to view directly from the FPM [website](#):

Podcast title and presenter	Podcast files
Opioid receptors Prof. Maree Smith, PHD, FFPMANZCA	Video podcast
Mechanisms of neuropathic pain Prof. Stephan A Schug, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA	Video podcast
Treatment of neuropathic pain Prof. Stephan A Schug, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA	Video podcast
Acute pain management in paediatrics Dr. Greta Palmer, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA	Video podcast

Reminders

Quarterly In-Training Assessment Reports

Please submit any outstanding ITA reports. The form can be downloaded on the following link and needs to be completed by you and your Supervisor of Training and returned to the Faculty.

<http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/trainees/forms>



Feedback

If you would like to comment on the Trainee E-Newsletter or have any suggestions or contributions, please contact [Jessica Stephens](#)