

FPM: Strategic plan 2018 – 2022

Advancing pain medicine: Improving patient care.



MISSION: To serve the community by fostering safety and high quality patient care in anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine.

VISION: To reduce the burden of pain on society through education, advocacy, training and research.

GOAL

EXPAND multi-disciplinary pain services across regional and metropolitan Australia and New Zealand.

POSITION FPM as the trusted source of expertise in addressing the societal impact/ problem of pain.

DEVELOP our role as a world leader in pain medicine research.

ENHANCE the suite of FPM educational offerings in Australia, New Zealand and internationally.

WHAT SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE

Patients are able to access multidisciplinary pain services staffed by qualified pain management professionals in a timely manner.

We actively shape policy and practice in addressing pain issues and provide trusted advice to stakeholders throughout the community.

Research and researchers are nurtured, supported and funded across Australia and New Zealand.

Our learning opportunities are highly sought after with engaged Fellows participating in program development and delivery.

KEY STRATEGIES

- Continuously advocate at state and national levels for increased funding for pain services.
- Work with consumer groups to drive growth in pain services.
- Collaborate to develop a model of care to improve integration of specialist and primary care services.

- Develop a positive proactive communications strategy including consumer and media outreach.
- Engage with key policy makers to shape their decisions towards optimal outcomes for people experiencing pain.
- Collaborate constructively with primary care education and training bodies to increase the pain management skills of GPs.

- Establish a network of pain medicine researchers across Australia and New Zealand (close collaboration with ANZCA CTN).
- Develop a support network and mentor emerging researchers in pain medicine.
- Identify and support funding pathways for trials and clinical outcome measurement.

- Develop targeted learning opportunities for the practice development stage of the FPM training program (including paediatrics and procedures).
- Develop and market a six-month course for medical practitioners in multidisciplinary pain medicine.
- Develop and market learning opportunities for Fellows and external health professionals.

HOW WE WILL MEASURE SUCCESS

- Referred patients are able to be assessed by a pain service within 90 days.
- We have at least 40 Australian training positions and six New Zealand training positions.
- We have at least 460 active Australian Fellows and 40 active New Zealand Fellows.
- Establishment of an agreed model of care that addresses the specialist/primary care interface.

- FPM communication strategy is developed, implemented and tracked using data such as audience reach, press release take-up, unsolicited requests for expert advice and editorials.
- We have regular meetings with senior ministers/bureaucrats across all levels that influence policy and practice development.
- We are invited to participate in/lead taskforces/groups.
- Increased number of GPs with pain management skills.

- Increased number of undergraduates, trainees and Fellows undertaking research in pain medicine.
- Increased number of competitive collaborative and multi-centre pain trials.
- Ongoing funding for outcome measurement initiatives secured.

- At least five new institutional users per year for Better Pain Management.
- At least 30 doctors graduated from Certificate in Clinical Pain Medicine.
- 20 per cent of Fellows are actively involved in developing and/or delivering educational offerings.
- The majority of procedural interventions done in multidisciplinary context are by recipients of our training.