

# FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

## FPM Trainee e-Newsletter

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### Trainee News

#### New Fellows

Congratulations to the following trainees who have completed their requirements and have been admitted to Fellowship since the last Trainee Newsletter:

#### **By examination**

Dr Nicholas Christelis, FANZCA (Vic)

This takes the total number of admissions to 308.

#### Launch of the new ANZCA and FPM website

The new ANZCA and FPM websites went live on 11 September and includes updated features and events, and more user-friendly navigation options. There have been some minor initial problems reported with accessing certain areas of the FPM website – these are currently being addressed and should be rectified shortly.

Please ensure you no longer visit the old site address at [www.anzca.edu.au/fpm](http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm). This may result in some content not displaying correctly.

Visit the new-look FPM website at [www.fpm.anzca.edu.au](http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au)

#### Video Podcasting

The Faculty of Pain Medicine, in conjunction with the College's Education Development Unit is pleased to announce the introduction of educational video podcasts for FPM trainees and Fellows.

We are very excited to be able to present to trainees Dr Meredith Craigie's long-awaited release- [FPM Examination and Case Report](#).

This podcast covers the important features of both the Clinical Case Study and in particular the Examination process.



Other podcasts also available now:

Prof Spencer Liu - [Postoperative Pain Management and Outcomes](#)

Prof You Wan - [Treating acute pain: the wrath of peripheral firings](#)

Although the podcasts have been tailored to suit FPM specialists, the material presented may also be of interest to the wider ANZCA community. Visit the [website](#) for more podcast and e-learning information.

## Training Unit Accreditation

### Accreditations

Following successful reviews, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, Prince of Wales Hospital and Singapore General Hospital were re-accredited for pain medicine training.

### Review of PM2

A sub-committee of the Training Unit Accreditation Committee is progressing a proposal to significantly revise Faculty Professional Document PM2, *Guidelines for Units Offering Training in Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine* to include recognition of Tier 2 hospitals. Tier 2 Units are classified as centres that cannot fully meet the current requirements to deliver comprehensive pain medicine training, but are still regarded as having very good facilities, suitable for delivering partial training.

More information will be provided as the sub-committee progresses.

## Painaustralia

Painaustralia has developed the Painaustralia Newsletter with the aim of keeping members informed of developments in implementing the National Pain Strategy and to alert them to events and activities. Please [click here](#) to read the latest news.

## Dates to Remember

### Examination Dates

25-27 November 2011  
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane  
Closing Date for Registration: **7 October 2011**

**Information and registration documents have now been circulated to applicable trainees by mail. Please contact the [Faculty Office](#) if you have not received this information and are intending to sit the 2011 Examination.**

For your reference, previous Examination Reports can be found on the following link. You may be required to log in with your ANZCA login and password.

Please visit: <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/trainees/examination>

## Pre-Examination Short Course

The 2011 Pre-Exam Short Course commences tomorrow, 23 September until 25 September at the ANZCA/FPM Queensland Regional Office. 30 trainees have registered for this course.

A brief report on the short course will be circulated in the next edition of the trainee newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Meeting

2011 FPM Spring Meeting

*'An exploration of Pain & Musculoskeletal Polemics – Policies, Procedures and Pragmatics'*

The **2011 FPM Spring Meeting** will be held at The Hyatt Hotel Canberra from **28 – 30 October**. Registrations opened for the Spring Meeting in late June and we currently have 77 delegates attending. To register please see the website:

<http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/events/2011-spring-meeting>



### Anatomy for Anaesthetists

Date: Saturday 26 November 2011

Venue: The University of Sydney

The NSW Anaesthetic Continuing Education Committee is pleased to present another full day of Anatomy Demonstrations using specimens especially dissected for anatomy relevant to nerve blocks.

Please [click here](#) for further information

## Faculty News

### Inaugural ANZCA Media Award

Media in Australia and New Zealand have been invited to participate in the inaugural ANZCA Media Award. A prize of \$5000 will be awarded for the best news story or feature about anaesthesia or pain medicine that appears in print, on radio, on television or online in 2011. Entries will be judged on their originality and the impact they may have had in giving the community a better understanding of anaesthesia or pain medicine. For more information, [click here](#).



## **Medicare Locals- Implications for Community Pain Services**

The Australian Government's primary health care reform is now underway with the launch on 1 July of 19 Medicare Locals – the first of a total of 62 to be formed nationally. The reforms are designed to make it easier for patients to access the services they need, by better linking GPs, nursing and other health professionals, aged care and eventually hospitals within local communities. The advent of Medicare Locals provides opportunities to improve management of pain at a local level.

To view the remainder of the article, [click here](#).

## **Recommendations for patient selection in spinal cord stimulation**

An article by Faculty Fellows R L Atkinson, R Sundaraj, C Brooker, J O'Callaghan, P Teddy, J Salmon, T Semple and M Majedi has been published in the Journal of Clinical Neuroscience. To view the article, please contact the [Library](#).

# Reminders

## **Case Report**

Trainees who have completed their structured period of training, but who have outstanding Case Reports requirements are encouraged to submit these reports for assessment.

## **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/documents/in-training-assessment-report>

# Feedback

If you would like to comment on the E-Newsletter or have any suggestions or contributions, please contact Claudine Lagier at [clagier@anzca.edu.au](mailto:clagier@anzca.edu.au) .