FACULTY BOARD

Board Meetings

The Faculty Board met on 12 May in Hong Kong and the "new" Board met on 15 May for the purpose of appointing office-bearers and Committee Chairs. Committee membership will be confirmed by Chairs within the coming weeks and will be published on the Faculty Website at http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/about-the-faculty/committees

There being no Western Australian representation on the Board following the recent election, the Board resolved that a nomination of the Faculty's Western Australian Regional Committee be accepted. Board resolved that Professor Stephan Schug be co-opted to the Board as the WA Representative.

Please Click here for a full report from the Board Meetings.

Other meetings for 2011 are:

22 August (Melbourne)

20 October (Melbourne)

Board Election

F New was elected unopposed as RANZCP representative to the Board. A postal ballot was conducted for the three remaining places. Drs Brendan Moore FANZCA (Qld), Chris Hayes, FANZCA (NSW) and Prof Ted Shipton, FANZCA (NZ) were successful.

Board and Committee appointments 2011-2012

Board Members:

Dean
Vice Dean
Assessor
Continuing Professional Development Officer/Assistant Assessor/ Annual Scientific Meeting Officer
Chair Education Committee
Chair Examination Committee
Chair, Training Unit Accreditation Committee
Chair Research Committee
Chair Continuing Education & Quality Assurance Committee
Treasurer/Scientific Meeting Officer
Co-opted WA Representative
Co-opted Member representing ANZCA

David Jones
Brendan Moore
Frank New
Penny Briscoe
Ted Shipton
Meredith Craigie
Carolyn Arnold
Chris Hayes
Guy Bashford
Leigh Atkinson
Stephan Schug
Lindy Roberts
**Other Officers:**
Senior Editor *Pain Medicine* / FPM Director of Professional Affairs
Milton Cohen

**Executive Committee/Portfolio Chairs:**
Chair Relationships Portfolio
David Jones
Chair Trainee Affairs Portfolio
Ted Shipton
Chair Fellowship Affairs Portfolio
Brendan Moore
Chair Resources Portfolio
Leigh Atkinson
General Manager FPM
Helen Morris

**Committee Chairs:**
Education Committee
Ted Shipton
Examinations Committee
Meredith Craigie
Training Unit Accreditation Committee
Carolyn Arnold
Research Committee
Chris Hayes
Continuing Education and Quality Assurance Committee
Guy Bashford

**Sub-Committee and Working Party Chairs**
Supervisors of Training Sub-Committee
Melissa Viney
Paediatric Pain Medicine Working Party
Meredith Craigie
Palliative Medicine Working Party
David Gronow

**Representation on ANZCA Committees:**
Examinations Committee
Meredith Craigie
Primary Examination Sub-Committee
Meredith Craigie
Education and Training Committee
Ted Shipton
Research Committee
Chris Hayes
Fellowship Affairs Committee
Penny Briscoe
IMGS Committee
Frank New
Overseas Aid Committee
Roger Goucke
Quality and Safety Committee
Jane Trinca
Training Accreditation Committee
Carolyn Arnold
ANZCA Trials Group
Stephan Schug
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Queensland
Richard Pendleton
New South Wales
Lewis Holford
Victoria
David Scott
Tasmania
Gajinder Oberoi
South Australia
Pamela Macintyre
Western Australia
John Akers
New Zealand National Committee
Kieran Davis
Australian Capital Territory
Geoff Speldewinde
ANZCA/FPM Constitution Review Working party
Penny Briscoe
David Jones
Chris Hayes

**External Committees & Organisations:**
Australasian Anaesthesia
Penny Briscoe

**RELATIONSHIPS PORTFOLIO**
Bupa Health Foundation Submission for GP Education

The joint FPM/RACGP submission to the Bupa Health Foundation for funding to develop an on-line modular educational program for primary health care professionals has been successful. Bupa awarded $200,000 to a partnership between the Faculty and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, which will be used to develop a cutting edge online GP Education Program in the area of pain management.

Representatives of the Faculty, RACGP and Bupa Foundation met in Sydney to discuss how the organisations will work together to ensure successful delivery of this project.

Bupa announced winners of their 2011 health awards at the Sydney Opera House on 1 June 2011. Eleven successful applicants were awarded from close to 400 applications. Dr Brendan Moore, FPM Vice-Dean, represented the Faculty.

The announcement of this grant was well received by media, with the Vice Dean, Dr Brendan Moore, doing several interviews resulting in radio coverage in NSW (2UE, 2SM and WAVE FM), Canberra (2CC), Adelaide (5AA) and Perth (RTR FM), which have a combined listenership of more than 100,000 people. ADD A LINK HERE TO THE MEDIA RELEASE AND INTERVIEWS

APS and NZPS

Both the Australian Pain Society and New Zealand Pain Society have now formally endorsed Faculty Professional Document PM1 (2010): Principles regarding the use of opioid analgesics in patients with chronic non-cancer pain. Please Click here for further information

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 first issue.

Regional News

Queensland

Full time Directors positions have been advertised for the new pain clinics in Nambour, Townsville and the Gold Coast and other multidisciplinary staff are now being recruited for these and the existing clinic at Princess Alexandra Hospital. Faculty Fellows are encouraged to take a leadership role and step up to these full time public hospital positions.

The Faculty of Pain Medicine Queensland Regional Committee Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd August 2011. The meeting will be held at the Brisbane Office, 20 Pidgeon Close West End and will commence at 7.00pm (dinner served from 6.30)

A formal notice, including the Agenda will be mailed to Fellows in late June.

New South Wales
The NSW Government has adopted a Pain Policy. The NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation is proceeding with plans to consolidate resources in the state’s nine tertiary multi-disciplinary pain clinics and the development of a Best Practice Model of Care to better manage patients at primary care level.

**Victoria**

Victorian Fellows met on 8 June at ANZCA House to discuss forming an interim FPM regional committee.

**South Australia**

Planning for an educational program for local Fellows has commenced. Congratulations to Dr Andrew Zacest for the delivery of an excellent pain medicine section of the RACS ASC on 5–6 May.

**Western Australia**

Dr John Akers has been elected Chair of the WA RC. Other officer bearers are: Dr Donald Johnson (WA Secretary) and Dr Max Majedi (WA Treasurer). Thanks to the outgoing Chair, Dr Max Majedi for progressing local activity during his chairmanship.

**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. Media kits were posted to key health and medical journalists, program directors and newsrooms in Australia and New Zealand last week and the poster was emailed to a wider group last night. For more information, click on the banner advertisement that has been posted on the FPM website homepage.

**TRAINEE AFFAIRS**

**Training Unit Accreditations**

Following successful reviews, the Alfred Health Pain Services and Liverpool Hospital were accredited for training and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was re-accredited.

Dr Richard Burstall has been appointed Supervisor of Training at the Hunter Integrated Pain Service.

**Education**

**Podcasting**

The Education Development Unit has recently recorded a number of video podcasts on behalf of the Faculty of Pain Medicine. Recently recorded podcast titles include “Treating Acute Pain, Does postoperative analgesia improve postoperative outcomes” and “FPM Examination and Case Report”.
The podcasts will shortly be available to web-stream or download from the ANZCA and FPM websites. To view these and the other published podcast titles on offer, please visit the e-learning section of the ANZCA website www.anzca.edu.au/edu/e-learn/ or click on the e-Learning Resources link in the bottom right hand corner of the ANZCA homepage. It is hoped these podcasts will be a useful resource to both Trainee’s and Fellows.

FFPMANZCA Mentoring Program

The Faculty of Pain Medicine strongly encourages mentorship and a proposal for a Faculty Mentoring Program was accepted by the Board. Strategies will now be developed to implement the program and to encourage relationships between more experienced people and junior colleagues. Please click here for further information.

Examination Dates

25-27 November 2011 (Friday – Sunday)
The Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, Brisbane, QLD
Closing Date for Registration: 7 October 2011

FPM Pre-Examination Short Course

23-25 September 2011
ANZCA Queensland Regional Office West End Corporate Park, River Tower, 20 Pidgeon Close, West End, QLD 4101
Convenors: Dr Richard Pendleton and Dr Frank Thomas
Closing Date for Registration: 9 September 2011

The program is currently being developed. Registrations and further information will be circulated to eligible trainees in due course. Contact Penny McNair at pmcnair@anzca.edu.au during office hours for further information.

Geelong Examination Preparation Course

On the weekend of 21-22 May, Barwon Health Pain Management Unit in Geelong hosted their 3rd Exam Preparation Course for FPM trainees. The aim of this weekend is to highlight the approach required when preparing for examination and the fellowship year. Participants are directed in the techniques that might be employed in tackling each section of the Faculty examination. Turnout was again very pleasing, with 13 trainees from around Australia making the trip to the far south coast.

Some supplemental sessions included information about the GALS musculoskeletal screening tool, news about the new Case Report format and brainstorming about possible written question topics for the approaching FPM exam. Presenters were Drs Michael Vagg, Diarmuid McCoy and Melissa Viney (SSOT). Feedback from participants is welcome and will help in developing this course. The Geelong Exam Preparation Course will likely be held earlier in the year in 2012 so prospective exam candidates are advised to keep an eye out for an announcement early in the year for a date in March.

Drs Michael Vagg & Diarmuid McCoy
FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

ANZCA Quality and Safety Committee

Dr Jane Trinca will represent the Faculty on the ANZCA Quality and Safety Committee.

New Admissions

In May, the Faculty reached the 306 Fellows mark with the admission of three new Fellows by Training and Examination, one by election and one Honorary Fellow:

Dr Rebecca Martin, FANZCA (NSW), Dr Venugopal Kochiyil, FAFRM (RACP), (SA) and Dr Sachin Shetty, FAFRM (RACP), (NSW) were admitted to Fellowship by training and examination.

Dr Milana Votrubec, FRACGP (NSW) was elected to Fellowship of the Faculty.

A/Prof Pongparadee Chaudakshetrin presented for Honorary Fellowship during the CSM in Hong Kong.

Professional

Professional Notes for "Specialist Pain Medicine Physicians"

Since national registration was introduced in Australia last year, a number of issues have arisen that may be of interest to Fellows. This article addresses registration as a Specialist Pain Medicine Physician, maintenance of that registration through continuing professional development (CPD), and the question of "parity" with other physicians.

1) Registration (in Australia) as a Specialist Pain Medicine Physician

All Fellows registered in Australia should check that they are explicitly registered in the Specialty of Pain Medicine, by visiting http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Specialist-Registration.aspx

The Medical Board of Australia (MBA) has listed "specialist pain medicine physician" as the standard title for a practitioner in the specialty of pain medicine. The term "specialist pain medicine physician" is a protected term and may be used only by those who are registered as a specialist pain medicine physician under the national scheme.

The MBA has identified Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FFPMANZCA) as the approved qualification for specialist recognition in the recognised specialty of Pain Medicine. However, when the national scheme commenced, all existing "specialists" were transferred, including:

- specialists holding a relevant medical college qualification;
- specialists who were recognised as such by a State or Territory Medical Board (South Australia and Queensland had specialist registers);
- persons recognised by Medicare Australia as specialists, having been
assessed by the former Specialist Recognition Advisory Committee.

This means that there will be some currently registered specialist pain medicine physicians who do not have the Fellowship of the Faculty. They have been "grandfathered" because of their prior position. However under the national scheme now, any new specialists must be processed by the Medical Board of Australia, which recognises the Fellowship of the Faculty as the qualification to be a specialist pain medicine physician.

2) Maintenance of specialist registration and CPD
The MBA has stipulated that, "It is not necessary for medical practitioners with specialist registration to retain their fellowship to continue to be on the specialist register”. (In this context Fellowship does not refer to the qualification itself but rather ongoing affiliation or membership with the College or Faculty.) However, in order to retain specialist registration, practitioners are required to continue to comply with the Board’s registration standard for continuing professional development. For specialist pain medicine physicians, this means that they must meet the standards for CPD set by the relevant AMC- accredited college - in our case, ANZCA.

By definition, Fellows of FPM have at least two Fellowships and could have specialist registration in more than one specialty. Although the MBA has stipulated that medical practitioners with specialist registration in more than one specialty are expected to comply with the CPD requirements of each such specialty, it does recognise that CPD can be undertaken that fulfills the requirements of more than one College. Indeed the advice from the MBA is that in order to retain registration as a specialist pain medicine physician a practitioner needs to fulfill only one CPD program.

ANZCA - and thus the Faculty - now has a Mandatory Compliance Policy for CPD. This policy states, “Fellows of FPM need to demonstrate compliance with the CPD program of the Australian Medical Council or Medical Council of New Zealand approved college of their primary specialty and/or the ANZCA CPD program in order to receive ANZCA CPD certification.”

- For FANZCA FPMs, the ANZCA CPD framework (which has been adapted by the Faculty for those Fellows who now practise little anaesthesia) would be appropriate. (The standard for CPD set by ANZCA is defined in the ANZCA document CPD Standards for Specialist Anaesthetists.)

- FRACP or FAFRM FPMs may choose to do either their primary College CPD program or the FPM (modified ANZCA) program. Should they opt for the latter, this will be accepted by the RACP or the AFRM.

- FRANZCP FPMs will have their RANZCP CPD program accepted by ANZCA/FPM; the converse is not the case.

- FRACS FPMs will have their RACS CPD program accepted by ANZCA/FPM; the converse is probably not the case.

- FRACGP FPMs will have their RACGP CPD program accepted by ANZCA/FPM: the converse is not known at this stage.

- FRANZCOG FPMs will have their RANZCOG CPD program accepted by ANZCA/FPM: the converse is not known at this stage.
Non-FANZCA FPMs may be asked to provide evidence of satisfactory participation in a non-ANZCA CPD program.

3) Parity of SPMPs with other physicians
The issue of parity has two dimensions. The first relates to professional comparability. In the new standard nomenclature under the new National Law in Australia, every practitioner of a medical specialty is termed a "specialist". As mentioned above, for the specialty of Pain Medicine, the standard title is "specialist pain medicine physician". However holding this title does not imply parity or professional comparability with others, despite the facts (i) that Fellowship of FPM is an "extra" qualification, available only to practitioners who already hold a specialist qualification and (ii) the complexity with which a specialist pain medicine physician deals on a daily basis would be at least equal to if not greater than that seen by other physicians.

The second dimension is remuneration, which is not properly the province of the College or Faculty but is mentioned here because the issue has emerged. Our advice is, that issues of remuneration and benefits do not automatically arise by virtue of the registration arrangements under the national scheme. If there is a difference between remuneration arrangements of specialist pain medicine physicians and other specialist physicians, it would be a matter for industrial activity by those able to pursue it, to seek parity in appropriate circumstances. The ASA has (again) graciously agreed to represent FANZCA FPMs in this respect in ongoing negotiations.

*Milton Cohen FRACP FFPMANZCA
Director of Professional Affairs Faculty of Pain Medicine*

Medicare Telehealth Advisory Group

FPM/ANZCA has made a submission in support of telehealth consultations for pain patients, especially chronic pain, although the potential to contribute to the management of post-operative pain in remote hospitals was also identified.

The Faculty DPA attended a third meeting of this group in early May. A document is under development outlining technical aspects of the implementation. The principles are safety, effectiveness, security, privacy and evidence based practice. Challenges are tools, support, cost, evidence and change in practice. DoHA is looking to the Colleges to help develop guidelines for e-consultations. The aim is to complement, not replace, face-to-face meetings. There is a political imperative to implement this program on 1 July 2011.

National Pain Outcome Initiative

To advance the Faculty’s strategic initiative for the development of a National Pain Outcome Initiative, a sub-committee had met with Prof Kathy Eagar at the Centre for Health Service Development, University of Wollongong and reported back to the Board. Based on their track record with the Australian Rehabilitation Outcome Centre (AROC) and Palliative Care Outcomes Centre (PCOC), their strategic relationships and their enthusiasm for the project, the Board resolved to work with the University of Wollongong to move forward
with this initiative.

It is hoped that the development of a National Pain Outcome Initiative can facilitate comparable improvements (to AROC and PCOC) in the quality and effectiveness of services for people with persistent pain in Australia.

A stakeholder meeting/workshop is proposed during the Spring Meeting in Canberra to finalise outcome measures.

**New Zealand Application for Specialty Recognition**

A scope of practice for Pain Medicine in New Zealand has been provided to the MCNZ, along with the advice that the qualification that should be recognised for Vocational Registration be FFPMANZCA. That has yet to be Gazetted by the MCNZ, and feedback sought from the wider community, as per usual. The remainder of the Stage II responses are nearing completion, including indicating how FPM ensures cultural competence in training and for Fellows, for submission by 30 June.

**Australasian Guidelines for Neuromodulation in Chronic Pain**

Draft Faculty Professional Document PM9 (2011): *Neuromodulation (Spinal Cord Stimulation) in the Management of Patients with Chronic Pain* was viewed by the Board. It is pending further scrutiny by the Neuromodulation Group before being finally accepted as Professional Document.

**National Medicines Policy Partnerships Forum**

The Faculty will be represented at this forum on 29 July in Canberra.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The Faculty is keen to expand its database of potential speakers for future Faculty meetings (Refresher Course Day, ASM and Spring Meetings). Recognising that Fellows attend many local and international conferences, readers are encouraged to email the Faculty with their suggestions.

**Faculty Events**

**Refresher Course Day, Hong Kong**

The Faculty’s Refresher Course Day, held in conjunction with the CSM in Hong Kong, was a tremendous success with 158 delegates register for the day and good support from the HCI. The program combined a unique blend of eastern and western influences for the many issues related to pain. The day was completed with a dinner at Jumbo Kingdom floating restaurant which gave attendees a taste of local cuisine and entertainment which was enjoyed.

The Refresher Course Day generated significant media interest with seven speakers interviewed by interested journalists, resulting in more than 10
articles in print and online, and generating more than $50,000 worth of media coverage.

2011 Trainee Lunch – Hong Kong
The Faculty invited all pain medicine trainees registered for the CSM to attend a buffet lunch during the CSM with the aim of providing an opportunity for FPM trainees to get together and meet key people from the Faculty. The Dean (Dr David Jones), Vice-Dean (Dr Brendan Moore), Assessor (Dr Frank New), Chair of Examinations (Dr Meredith Craigie), the DPA (A/Prof Milton Cohen) and the Administration Officer (Ms Penny McNair) also attended to respond to questions about the training program. Faculty Trainee, Dr Luke Murtagh (SA) spoke about his Faculty examination experience which provided valuable insight to current trainees.

FPM Dean's Prize and Best Free Paper Award
The Dean’s Prize is awarded at the Faculty of Pain Medicine's Annual General Meeting to the Fellow or trainee judged to have presented the most original pain medicine/pain research paper. This year’s winner was Dr Rohan Russell, an ANZCA trainee from South Australia, for his paper titled A comparison of postoperative opioid requirements and effectiveness in methadone-maintained and buprenorphine-maintained patients. Dr Russell was awarded a certificate and a grant of $1000 for educational or research purposes.

The Best Free Paper Award is awarded for original work judged to be the best contribution to the Free Papers Session of the Faculty of Pain Medicine. The Faculty Free Paper session is open to all ASM registrants. This year's winner was Dr Allyson Browne, a clinical psychologist from Western Australia, for her paper titled Screening for Acute Factors That Predict Pain Post Trauma: A Pilot Study. Congratulations to both Drs Russell and Browne.

2011 Spring Meeting
‘An exploration of the Pain/Musculoskeletal Polemic – Policies, Procedures and Pragmatics’
28 – 30 October 2011 Canberra

The organising committee invites you to participate in the 2011 Spring Meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, to be held at The Canberra Hyatt from 28 – 30 October 2011.

The theme of the meeting is “An exploration of the Pain/Musculoskeletal Polemic – Policies, Procedures and Pragmatics”. This apparently unusual theme explores the challenging and controversial interface of whether “musculoskeletal” pain is generated peripherally or within the central nervous system, a question with major theoretical and practical implications. Of course, as would befit any political discussion in Canberra, the answer may well be that the whole is greater than either alone!
Our Visitor, Professor Lars Arendt-Nielsen of Denmark, is of international renown for his scientific study of the neurophysiology of peripheral musculoskeletal injury, the central nervous system responses to this, and their relationship to chronic pain. He will share with us his insights for quality pain management.

There is also a line-up of internationally well-known Australian and New Zealand speakers who will address the “peripheral vs central” polemic in this field. There will be lectures, topical sessions and problem based learning discussions aimed at exploring policies around pain practice, and providing pragmatic pain management strategies.

The meeting intends to attract pain medicine physicians, rehabilitation physicians, musculoskeletal physicians and indeed anyone interested in this unique theme of “An exploration of the Pain/Musculoskeletal Polemic – Policies, Procedures and Pragmatics”.

Thanks are extended to our sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support of the meeting.

Dr Geoff Speldewinde
Convenor

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Early-Bird Registration
Please visit http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/events/2011-spring-meeting/2011-spring-meeting.html or contact Kirsty O’Connor on +61 3 8517 5318 to register for the FPM 2011 Spring Meeting and take advantage of the Early-Bird rates. Workshops and Problem Based Learning Discussions (PBLD) places are limited so we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. The Early-Bird rates end on Thursday 1 September 2011.


2012 Spring Meeting

The Board resolved to convene the 2012 Spring Meeting in Coolum, Queensland in October. It is hoped to launch the joint RACGP/FPM online educational program at that meeting and opportunities will be explored to make this a joint meeting with Rural GPs or GPs with a special interest in pain management.

2013 ASM Melbourne

Professor Edzard Ernst (UK) was confirmed as the FPM ASM Visitor and
Professor Fabrizio Benedetti (Turin) as the FPM Melbourne Visitor for 2013.

**Continuing Professional Development**

The Board resolved that each FPM Fellow should comply with the CPD requirements of the primary specialty college and/or the ANZCA CPD program and that this be reviewed in three years time. A framework for mandatory CPD has been developed by the Medical Board of Australia. The Faculty is working to define the standards required of a Specialist Pain Medicine Physician.

Dr Penny Briscoe has been appointed as the FPM Continuing Professional Development Officer and will represent the Faculty on the ANZCA CPD Committee.

**External Events**

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**WSPC 2011 Beijing International Pain Forum & the 5th Annual Meeting of CCWSPC – Early registration discounted fees**

Registration to the 2011 Beijing International Pain Forum is now open! Make sure to register as soon as possible for discounted registration fees.

Join this exciting forum, where experts and physicians from overseas and China in relevant fields will meet to demonstrate progress in diagnosis and treatment of pain. On the forum web pages, you can now:

- Register to the Forum: Do not hesitate and register now. Discounted early bird registration fees are available until 30 June 2011.
- Submit an Abstract: You are invited to submit abstracts for review by the forum scientific committee. Abstracts are accepted until 30 June 2011
- Book Accommodation: A number of great hotels are available in the direct vicinity of the venue. Be sure to book early to benefit availability and great rates and booking conditions.

For more information about registration [click here](#)

For more information about the Preliminary Program [click here](#)

For more information about Abstract Submission [click here](#)

**AFRM (RACP) 2011 Congress**

Striking AcCord – Succeeding through teamwork.

Joint AFRM/ANZSCOS conference

Date: 13-17 September 2011

The Sebel & Citigate Hotel, King George Square, Brisbane, Queensland

Please [click here](#) for further information

**Australian Pain Society 31st Annual Scientific Meeting: The Frontiers of Pain**

Date: 12 - 16 June 2011

Venue: Darwin Convention Centre, NT
ACHS Education Workshop Calendar for January to June 2011
The Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Education calendar for the first half of 2011 is now available online at: http://www.achs.org.au/EduCalendarmonth/
The Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Education is also offering free EQuIPS Short Introductory sessions for members.

For further information on any of these workshops or other education enquiries contact mailto:educate@achs.org.au

3rd Annual Strategic Directions Research Workshop
The 3rd Annual Strategic Directions Research Workshop will be held at Peppers Resort, Palm Cove Qld on Friday 12th August to Sunday the 14th August 2011. This event follows successful one day workshops in 2009 and 2010, and will include one and a half days of workshops where research proposals will be discussed, mentored and worked up for funding. The idea of the workshops is to foster new and emerging researchers as well as those already established in developing multi-centre research ideas for the future.

For further information please see http://www.anzca.edu.au/resources/trials-group/about-the-trials-group.html/?searchterm=clinical%20trial%20meeting

ANZCA Research Grants
Grant applications for 2011 are now closed. The FPM Research Committee would like Fellows to note that the last date for 2013 grant applications is April 1st 2012.

For further information please see http://www.anzca.edu.au/resources/research

Australia’s First National Pain Week
National Pain Week
Date: 24-30 July 2011

For further information please click here

RESOURCES
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Australian Pain Management Research Review
To view the latest issue of the Australian Pain Management Research
Review, [click here](#). Selection and review of the trials is carried out by Dr David Gronow, Director of both the Sydney Pain management Centre and Multidisciplinary Pain Services at Westmead Hospital. The Review also provides website links to the abstract or fully published papers.

**ANZCA Library - New Journals for 2011**

**Pain Management Interventions for Hip Fracture**

Pain following hip fracture has been associated with delirium, depression, sleep disturbance, and decreased response to interventions for other disease states. Therefore, it is important to treat and manage complaints of pain adequately during acute treatment for hip fracture. Furthermore, poorly managed postoperative pain is associated with delayed ambulation, pulmonary complications, and delayed transition to lower levels of care. [http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=676](http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=676)

**New Book**


Contact the Library (library@anzca.edu.au) to borrow this book or search for other books on pain [here](#) (College ID required).

**Positions Vacant Victoria**

Fellow in Pain Management - St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne For further information please visit the website at: [http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/fellows/positions-available](http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/fellows/positions-available). A number of positions are currently being advertised.

**Staff Appointments - 0.2FTE Medical Educator**

Recruitment has now commenced for a part-time Medical Educator to support the Faculty’s blueprinting and curriculum review project.

**Further College News**

Please [click here to view the ANZCA e-newsletter](#)

**Synapse**

We look forward to receiving any contributions which should be directed to Kira Beer at the Faculty Office [mailto:kbeer@anzca.edu.au](mailto:kbeer@anzca.edu.au)

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