### 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

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<td><strong>EXPAND</strong> multi-disciplinary pain services across regional and metropolitan Australia and New Zealand.</td>
<td><strong>POSITION</strong> FPM as the trusted source of expertise in addressing the societal impact/problem of pain.</td>
<td><strong>DEVELOP</strong> our role as a world leader in pain medicine research.</td>
<td><strong>ENHANCE</strong> the suite of FPM educational offerings in Australia, New Zealand and internationally.</td>
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### 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.
- 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.

### HOW WE WILL MEASURE SUCCESS

| Referred patients are able to be assessed by a pain service within 90 days. | 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. | Increased number of undergraduates, trainees and Fellows undertaking research in pain medicine. | At least five new institutional users per year for Better Pain Management. |
| We have at least 40 Australian training positions and six New Zealand training positions. | We have regular meetings with senior ministers/bureaucrats across all levels that influence policy and practice development. | Increased number of competitive collaborative and multi-centre pain trials. | At least 30 doctors graduated from Certificate in Clinical Pain Medicine. |
| We have at least 460 active Australian Fellows and 40 active New Zealand Fellows. | We are invited to participate in/lead taskforces/groups. | Ongoing funding for outcome measurement initiatives secured. | 20 per cent of Fellows are actively involved in developing and/or delivering educational offerings. |
| Establishment of an agreed model of care that addresses the specialist/primary care interface. | Increased number of GPs with pain management skills. | The majority of procedural interventions done in multidisciplinary context are by recipients of our training. | The majority of procedural interventions done in multidisciplinary context are by recipients of our training. |