Dear all,

Welcome to the November edition of the APS newsletter. We lead with a report from the President. Karin Plummer has sent us a report on a recent forum promoting pain-related research, held by the University of Melbourne’s School of Health Sciences. Our usual range mix of news items will be found.

The Global Year against Orofacial Pain has just commenced: I’m looking forward to receiving reports of activities about this.

Regards,

Will Howard
Newsletter Editor

President’s Report

The election has been and “won”, if you call having to deal with a troublesome economy and expectant electorate a win. I was surprised by the little amount of debate over health policy, with differences between the major parties difficult to isolate. Perhaps this reflects the maturity of the basic structure of the Australian Health system and the electorate’s acceptance of this system.

One aspect that did gain some discussion was the Liberal Party’s commitment to the structural reform of the preceding Rudd and Gillard governments, and in particular, to Medicare Locals. In one of the leadership debates, Mr. Abbott stated a Liberal-National Coalition Government would maintain this structural reform, which is encouraging, given the pain community’s ongoing engagement of the sector. Health Minister Plibersek ensured funding be directed to Medicare Local’s for pain education for GP’s and Allied Health clinicians. This process is now underway, with the Australian Medical Locals Alliance (AMLA) having appointed a project officer and developing their education strategy.

The AMLA pain education strategy will rely heavily on the established platforms from the Faculty of Pain Medicine and the University of Sydney, Pain Management and Research Institute. To include a combination of online learning (pain modules, webinars) and state-based seminars, opportunities exist for our members to participate at a state and local level. We encourage members to engage the respective Medicare Local(s) that relate to their clients, including referring GP’s. This could improve the pain education strategies supported by AMLA and ensure a consistent, locally applicable message. Gains in clinical management and improved referral process should then follow.

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From a purely political perspective, we are not aware of any other change of direction that may alter Painaustralia and the Australian Pain Society approach to political engagement. Perhaps little will change until the new Senate is in place, mid 2014. At that time, Clive Palmer (in the House of Representatives) will be joined by three senators from his party in the new parliament, with considerable “power” to support proposed legislation (with additional help from the senator representing the Australian Motorist Enthusiast Party). Unfortunately, little is known about this team’s health policies.

In alignment with Painaustralia’s “Campaign for Pain”, an educational initiative aimed at policy makers and consumers, a pre-election process for political engagement was developed.

Whilst this was broad in its approach, greatest engagement occurred with the (outgoing) Minister Plibersek and the Greens. With the latter, support for the campaign for pain was communicated, and recognition of access issues in pain management services received. The Greens have concerns with community drug misuse and out of pocket expenses in health care, with plans to lobby for a Senate enquiry into these two issues in 2014. It’s not clear if pain management will have much to directly contribute to these debates, although the potential for adverse findings regarding pain medication misuse and high gap payments in pain management strategies could eventuate. How much traction the Greens will have pushing for these inquiries in a new Senate is yet to be determined.

So where does this leave us and what can we do as clinicians and researchers in pain? Probably just continue to plug away, using a consistent approach to providing relevant clinical services and promoting a co-operative and well coordinated plan for clinical care, education and research. We should be vigilant in looking for opportunities to promote and develop our field, however small, as sequential small steps can soon add up to meaningful gains.

Malcolm Hogg

http://theconversation.com/coalition-health-policy-is-all-barbs-and-no-risks-17364
http://greens.org.au/health

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Introducing our new director for Tasmania – Simon Watt

Simon Watt is the Deputy Manager of Physiotherapy for the Tasmanian Health Organisation - North West. His clinical area of interest is in the management of patients with chronic pain conditions.

During his career, he has practiced Physiotherapy within the health systems of Australia, New Zealand and the UK. In his current role he provides leadership to a team of diverse clinicians providing quality Physiotherapy services to the North West coast of Tasmania.
Australian College of Nurse Practitioners Award for Quality Use of Medicines in Pain Management Inaugural winner announced.

By Matthew Moran

Joy Burdack, from Calvary Health in the ACT has been announced the winner of the inaugural Australian College of Nurse Practitioners award for Quality Use of Medicines in Pain Management. The announcement was made last week as part of the 8th annual conference held in Hobart.

Joy has been working at Calvary Health for 21 years and has worked in the role of Pain Management Coordinator since 1998, reviewing policy and procedures relating to pain management and medications.

The award recognised Joy’s outstanding contribution to the quality use of medicines through her work in optimising pain management and safe use of medicines in patients undergoing surgery at Calvary Health, as well as her involvement in the implementation of the Joint Replacement Preparation Class (JRPC) including ongoing education sessions.

“As a nurse working in the field of pain management and medication safety, I feel it’s important to involve and educate the patient through their treatment and recovery. This involves using a multidisciplinary team approach. I endeavour to facilitate the patient’s understanding about medications for pain management, ensuring that the quality use of medicine’s guidelines are always followed.” said award winner Joy Burdack.

After the award was announced, Australian College of Nurse Practitioners President Helen Gosby added…

“To be eligible for this award, applicants made a submission to the College judging panel. The successful submission received funding from Mundipharma Australia to attend the ACNP National Conference covering registration, travel and accommodation. This is a great opportunity to showcase the excellent work that nurses are undertaking in quality use of medicines in pain management. It enhances consumer care with a multidisciplinary approach in pain management. We are delighted that this Award will be made available by Mundipharma Australia again next year and we encourage nurses to apply.”

Mundipharma Quality Use of Medicines Director, Carolyn Winkler, said “Mundipharma is very pleased to recognise the excellent contribution Joy Burdack has made in the field of pain management. This support is so important in helping those patients suffering from chronic pain to have an improved quality of life. Mundipharma is committed to supporting this award and looks forward to making this an annual event where other nurses can showcase their commitment to the quality use of medicines in pain management.”

Recent Publications

Thank you to Mr Saad Nagi, PhD, Research Fellow, Integrative Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Western Sydney for both writing and presenting on the topic of mechanical allodynia:


It is universally believed that touch-evoked pain (i.e. mechanical allodynia) is mediated by cutaneous A-beta afferents. Indeed, there is a plethora of information on the large myelinated afferents, and yet a striking paucity of effective treatments for chronic pain. In these papers, we have focused on an ancient population of slowly conducting, low-threshold, mechanically sensitive nerves termed C-tactile fibres.
(CTs). Intriguingly, even the existence of CTs in the distal limbs (non-hairy/glabrous skin) remains to be established, let alone their functional significance in the neural system. A number of hypotheses have been put forth over the years, including their role in tickle, itch and, more recently, pleasantness/pleasure associated with skin-to-skin contact between conspecifics. The pleasant-touch hypothesis has found some resonance in certain quarters for its pertinence to physical/social well-being, and the homeostatic network. Furthermore, on the basis of this hypothesis, it was conjectured that the activation of CT fibres can elicit pain relief. However, a recent study in mice implicated this afferent class in touch hypersensitivity in inflammatory and neuropathic pain conditions (Seal et al. 2009, Nature). Consistent with this, we provided the first evidence of a role of CTs in the generation of mechanical allodynia during deep somatic pain in healthy human subjects (Nagi et al. 2011, J Physiol). In our recently published work, we have expanded on our earlier findings by showing that the CT-mediated allodynia is not limited to acute-onset pain states, but can be reproduced in delayed-onset and clinical pain states. Furthermore, these touch-pain interactions, and the contribution of CTs thereto, can spread across well-separated anatomical regions, skin types and dermatomes. These observations suggest that the CT-mediated interactions operate in a much less constrained manner than that ascribed to their large myelinated counterparts, which in effect provides a mechanistic substrate that parallels the expression of pain observed during referral (pain perception at a site remote to the site of noxious stimulation) or more broadly in those pathological conditions where pain extends beyond the innervation territory of the inciting event/nerve injury. Collectively, these findings contribute to our understanding of the pathophysiology underlying various ‘pain’ conditions, which may eventually result in the development of novel drug targets/pain therapies (hopefully with the advent of more selective markers or a consensus review of their multiple expressions) to treat the actual source rather than the symptoms of pain.

Have you had an article accepted for publication this year?

Reminder that we are keen that members inform us when they have publications so that this can be shared with your APS colleagues. Please send the newsletter editor (via the APS Secretariat, aps@apsoc.org.au) the title, authors and reference (i.e. the journal, volume etc.) of the article, preferably with a short explanatory note to give our readers the gist of the article, e.g. the conclusions part of the abstract; if you would like to supply a short commentary on the article, even better.

Will Howard, Editor

The 2013-14 Global Year Against Orofacial Pain

We have jointly prepared the following poster with the New Zealand Pain Society, the Faculty of Pain Medicine, ANZCA and Painaustralia.

Please contact the APS Secretariat if you would like us to send you an A3 poster for your noticeboard.

The poster, fact sheets and copies of media releases are available via our website.

If you conduct an event to raise awareness of this topic, please send us a report and photos to share with your fellow members.
2013/14 GLOBAL YEAR AGAINST OROFACIAL PAIN

MEDIA RELEASE - 22 October 2013

Pain Groups Support Global Year Against Orofacial Pain

The Global Year Against Orofacial Pain launched this week draws attention to the millions of people worldwide affected by pain in the oral and facial regions – many of whom fail to get treatment or relief.

Sponsored by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), and supported by IASP Chapters, the Australian Pain Society and New Zealand Pain Society and other related organisations, the 12-month campaign focuses on education for health care professionals and policy makers as well as public awareness.

Orofacial pain may be caused by diseases or disorders in the facial region, by dysfunction of the nervous system, or through referral from distant sources. Treatment of orofacial pain is a specialty in dentistry in many parts of the world including Australia and New Zealand.

Comprehensive information is available in a series of Fact Sheets for clinicians and health care professionals. Also available on the web is a page of resources including links and free posters promoting the Global Year.

Led by IASP’s Special Interest Group on Orofacial Pain, the initiative will mobilise IASP’s 8,000+ members and 90 national chapters, and forge partnerships to:

- disseminate information about orofacial pain worldwide;
- educate pain researchers as well as health care professionals who see the issues associated with orofacial pain first hand in their interactions with patients;
- increase awareness of orofacial pain among government officials, members of the media, and the general public worldwide; and
- encourage government leaders, research institutions, and others to support policies that result in improved pain treatment for people with orofacial pain.

Throughout the coming year, IASP and its chapters including the Australian Pain Society and NZ Pain Society will sponsor meetings, symposia, media interviews, publications, and other efforts to promote education on issues surrounding orofacial pain.

Supporting organisations include: Australian Pain Society, New Zealand Pain Society, the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, Painaustralia and its member organisations.

Media Contact: Lesley Brydon 0413 990 991, lesley.brydon@painaustralia.org.au
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The role of the brain in complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)
Have you been diagnosed with CRPS?

We are investigating the function of the primary somatosensory cortex, motor cortex and brain neural networks in complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS). Your contribution to our research will help us investigate whether the symptoms experienced by patients with CRPS can result in alterations in areas of the brain responsible for these sensations and how some of these areas might be connected. The results of this research will help us to understand CRPS and may lead to improved treatment and management.

The study will take place at Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), Randwick, Sydney NSW. NeuRA is affiliated with The University of New South Wales and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District. If you enrol in the study you will receive an image of your brain to take home. We will also reimburse you for your time and travel expenses.

If you would like to have more information or to be placed on our waiting list of participants, please contact Audrey Wang phone: 0293991806 or email: a.wang@neura.edu.au
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By Karin Plummer, PhD Candidate (University of Melbourne, Nursing)

The University of Melbourne’s School of Health Sciences organises an annual event to provide its Research Higher Degree students the opportunity to present their work to their peers, academic staff and external stakeholders in a conference-like environment. This year’s event, held on October 1st, showcased 56 research students across the disciplines of Nursing, Social Work and Physiotherapy.

The Australian Pain Society donated three student memberships and books to be awarded to the student presenters at this year’s colloquium. The organising committee decided to award a membership and book for the best pain-related presentations from any of the health sciences departments. The presentations were judged by Faculty from the University of Melbourne and it was wonderful to see that there were many contenders for these prizes. However, ultimately there could be only three winners and these were all from the Department of Physiotherapy. The winners were:

**Yasmin Ahamed**
Yasmin’s abstract was titled Physiotherapist-delivered exercise and pain coping skills training is more effective than either intervention alone in knee osteoarthritis. The aim of this study was to determine whether integrating a 12-week exercise program with a program providing training in pain coping skills, delivered by physiotherapists, was more efficacious than either program alone. Primary outcomes of this study consisted of average pain in the past week (VAS) and self-reported physical function with measurements taken at baseline, 12, 32 and 52-weeks.

**Melissa Davidson**
Melissa’s abstract was titled Measures of perineal muscle stiffness in healthy women and those with vulvodynia. One of the objectives of Melissa’s research is to explore the strength of the association between the stiffness of the perineal muscles and pelvic pain.

**Laura Morrison**
Laura’s abstract was titled Biomechanical and Neuromuscular Impairments in Femoroacetabular Impingement Patients: A Systematic Review. Laura’s research is investigating femoroacetabular impingement (FAI), a common condition that can cause hip and groin pain in young active adults. The purpose of the present study was to systematically review the literature to establish whether people with FAI demonstrate impairments and activity limitations compared to people without FAI.

Congratulations to the winners and welcome to The Australian Pain Society. The Research Colloquium Organising Committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Pain Society for their generous support of our colloquium and for fostering our students to improve pain-related outcomes through research. All student prize winners are pictured below with A/Prof Rana Hinman, Director of Research, School of Health Sciences, University of Melbourne.
Are you in pain? A National Pain Strategy will help

Pain is something most of us prefer not to think about. But with one in five Australians living with chronic pain, there is a significant chance that it will creep up on us sooner or later. For people over the age of 65 the prevalence of chronic pain rises to one in three.

People in rural and remote areas are 23 per cent more likely to have back pain. This rises to 30 per cent more likely for country people aged 55 to 64. Agriculture, mining, forestry and fishing have relatively high rates of injury, often leading to untreated pain since it is more difficult to get access to healthcare in the bush. One in five people with severe pain, not surprisingly, also develop depression.

The fact that fewer than 10 per cent of patients with chronic non-cancer pain can get access to effective care is not acceptable. The National Pain Strategy aims to get the issue of chronic pain on the agenda as a national health priority, to enable people suffering from pain to have access to the interdisciplinary care they need, and to increase research into the topic.

A new Fact Sheet ‘Chronic Pain – A Major Issue in Rural Australia’ has been jointly published by the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) and Painaustralia. It spells out the details about chronic pain in rural Australia. Painaustralia is a not-for-profit organisation established to improve the treatment and management of pain in Australia and dedicated to implementing the National Pain Strategy.

CEO of Painaustralia, Lesley Brydon, said, “There is very low awareness of chronic pain and best practice pain management in the community and among health professionals. It can have a major impact on people’s capacity to work and their quality of life. We are pleased to work with the NRHA to highlight the extent of the issue in rural Australia and to draw attention to the need for pain to be recognised as a national health priority.”

Gordon Gregory, Executive Director of the NRHA, said that the management of pain is yet another matter on which there are equity issues as between city and country people.

The Fact Sheet can be downloaded from the APS website at: http://www.apsoc.org.au/publications

Contacts:
Gordon Gregory – Executive Director, NRHA: 02 6285 4660
Lesley Brydon – CEO Painaustralia: 02 9130 6086, 0413 990 991
Distinguished Member Award

The Board of Directors is seeking nominations from all APS members for candidates to be considered for the Distinguished Member Award/s to be presented at the 34th Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Hobart from 13-16 April 2014.

Eligibility criteria:
Candidates must be Australian Pain Society member/s who have:
• Made major contribution towards the Society, and
• Significantly contributed to the science of pain medicine, and/or
• Played a significant clinical, educational or research role in the field of Pain Medicine in Australia

Please submit all nominations to the APS Secretariat by 31 January 2014 so the membership committee may consider them.

Past recipients of the Distinguished Member Award are:

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      | Dr David Cherry  
      | Dr David Gronow  
      | Professor Arthur Duggin  
      | Dr George Mendelson  
      | Dr Connie Peck |
| 2010 | Dr Roger Goucke |
| 2011 | None awarded |
| 2012 | Dr Bruce Rounsefell |
| 2013 | Ms Amal Helou |
The Australian Pain Society (APS) is pleased to announce the availability of a number of Travel Grants up to the value of $500 for PhD students to present their research at the 34th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the APS to be held in Hobart on 13-16 April 2014.

This Travel Grant program is made possible through an allocation of APS operating funds and only available by submitting a completed application form by 31 January 2014 to aps@apsoc.org.au

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Current membership of the Australian Pain Society (you can join now at: APS Membership). Applications from non-members will not be considered.
- Acceptance of an abstract of your research presentation.
- Presentation of your research in either oral or poster format.
- Applicants must live outside the metropolitan area of the conference city.

### Terms:

1. Travel Grant awards will be made at the discretion of the Scientific Programming Committee (SPC)
2. The principal eligibility factor will be the quality of the submitted abstract.
3. Only one author per abstract may apply. This author must have made a major contribution to the work.
4. Successful applicants will be notified by 20th February 2014 and receive their Travel Grants at the ASM.

- I have read the above Terms and Conditions and agree that I have made a major contribution to the submitted abstract.

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Scholarship Application Form

Australian Pain Society 34th Annual Scientific Meeting
13 – 16 April, 2014
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, TASMANIA

Personalised Pain Management: Quest for the Holy Grail

The Pain Interest Group Nursing Issues is pleased to provide financial support to assist PIGNI members in attending conferences or professional development days relevant to the pain management speciality. The Australian Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting is an excellent opportunity for a PIGNI member to expand their knowledge of pain and to network with other health professionals who have an interest in pain management. This Scholarship will be awarded to one successful applicant only and will include early bird registration and $500 towards travelling and accommodation expenses.

To be eligible, applicants must be a financial member of PIGNI and provide information as detailed in this application form. The successful applicant will be required to write a report for inclusion in the PIGNI newsletter. Please complete the following details and submit this form, along with your CV to the PIGNI secretary via email lbeeston@nscchs.health.nsw.gov.au or address to Lee Beeston, Co-ordinator Adapt Pain Management Programme, pain Management and Research Centre, Royal North Shore, St Leonards, NSW 2065. Phone: 9463 1510

CLOSE DATE: November 8, 2013

Name: 
Email address: 
Contact Phone: 
APHRA registration number: 
Hospital / University: 
Position: 
PIGNI membership: (essential)

Please download the complete application form at:
Personalised Pain Management: Quest for the Holy Grail

13 -16 April 2014
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart
2014 Australian Pain Society 34th Annual Scientific Meeting

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Free Papers & Posters 31 October 2013
Registration Opens November 2013
Early Bird Registration 14 February 2014

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Dr Jane Ballantyne** trained in Anaesthesia at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, then moved to Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University, Boston in 1990. She was appointed Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine at MGH in 1999. Dr Ballantyne became University of Washington (UW) Medicine Professor of Education and Research in 2011. Her research focuses on development of opioid management tools utilising electronic outcomes assessment and rapid learning methodology. She edits several leading journals & is a widely published author.

**Professor Jeffrey Mogil** is currently the E.P. Taylor Professor of Pain Studies and the Canada Research Chair in the Genetics of Pain at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has authored over 170 journal articles and book chapters since 1992, and he has given over 220 invited lectures in that same period. He currently serves as a Section Editor at the journal *Pain*, and he chaired the Scientific Program Committee of the 13th World Congress on Pain held in 2010.

**Dr Andrew Moore** graduated with a Doctor of Science from the University of Oxford and has over 30 years experience in biomedical research. He is currently Director of Pain Research, Nuffield Department of Anaesthetics, Oxford, and Chairman of the International Association for the Study of Pain Systematic Review and Evidence special interest group. Dr Moore is founding editor of the evidence based journal - *Bandoiler* and has contributed 300+ scientific and clinical publications & 200 systematic reviews including 80 Cochrane reviews.

**TOPICS**

- Pain and genetics
- Opioid prescription issues
- Osteoarthritis
- Low back pain
- Pain in older persons
- Orofacial pain
- Visceral pain
- Understanding self-management
- Evidence and pain
- Pathophysiology of nerve compression

For more information please contact the APS Secretariat
F 61 2 9954 0666 | E aps2014@dcconferences.com.au
DC Conferences Pty Ltd | P 61 2 9954 4400
A range of flexible educational opportunities is available via the Pain Management Research Institute, University of Sydney.

**Formal Degree Course (Online)**

Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma & Masters Distance education online study is available to students worldwide. The program commences in March or August each year, with enrolments closing either late January or late June.

**Continuing Education Opportunities**

1. Pain Management Multidisciplinary Workshop
   Wk 1: The Problem of Pain (10-13 Feb 2014)
   Wk 2: The Management of Pain (17-20 Feb 2014)

2. Understanding & Treating Headache Symposium (19 Oct 2013)


Note: Please see PMRI website for details of offerings in 2014, including our Visiting Scholar Program and Symposia

For further information go to: http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/pMRI/education or contact Ms Ros Wyllie

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**Pain Management ... Want to learn more?**

**Pain Specialists, Anaesthetists, Rehab and Sport Physicians - Metro Pain Clinic, VIC**

**Employment Status:** Part Time/Full Time

**Hours per week:** Flexible

**Contact:** Dr David Vivian

**Applications Close:** 31 December 2013

Metro Pain Clinic Melbourne, has employment opportunities for:

- Pain Specialists
- Rehabilitation Physicians
- Anaesthetists
- Sport Physicians

to join a highly experienced pain management team. If your interest is in the field of Musculoskeletal and Pain Medicine we would like to hear from you. We can offer flexible working hours on a part time or full time basis. For further details, please refer to the Positions Vacant section in the Members Area of the APS website.

Closing date for applications 31 December 2013.

Please direct enquiries to dvivian@metrospine.com.au or (03) 9595 6111
Pain Adelaide 2014 - March 31st 2014 - SAVE THE DATE

Lorimer Moseley
Paul Rolan
Rainer Haberberger
Tim Semple
Anne Burke

It’s on again!! Now in it’s third year - PainAdelaide:

Mark Jensen | Mac Christie | Julio Licino | Mike Ridding | Tasha Stanton | Michael Nicholas |
Sam Whittle | Rainer Haberberger | Some Surprises!
We hope to see you again! Mark it in your diary NOW.

To register your interest, visit: http://www.bodyinmind.org/painadelaide-2014/

NEW FRONTIERS

Building future generations

Tuesday 2nd September – Thursday 4th September 2014
The Masonic Conference Centre, Sydney

Topics

- Complex and Chronic Disease
- Cancer / Haematology
- Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care
- Paediatrics
- Mental Health – removing the stigma
- Primary and Acute Care
- Professional Issues and Leadership
- Research

Contact: The ACNP Conference Secretariat

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Want up to the minute information on the 2014 Australian Pain Society 34th Annual Scientific Meeting?
Come follow us on Twitter… www.twitter.com/AusPainConf
FYI

Items of interest for our members:


• Facility Directory Update
  Please advise the APS Secretariat of any updates so we may endeavour to keep the Facility Directory current: http://www.apsoc.org.au/facility-directory

• Pelvic Pain Website
  A new website for the multidisciplinary care for pelvic pain has been launched
  http://www.pelvicpainsa.com.au

• Chronic Pain – A Major Issue in Rural Australia
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AIMS

• To promote the provision of healthcare services for pain management
• To promote equity of access to pain management services
• To actively engage with key stakeholders and contribute to their activities
• To provide a contemporary forum to discuss issues relating to pain research and treatment
  • To foster and support the prevention of persistent pain
  • To foster and support the broad spectrum of pain-related research
  • To share and promote the expertise of all disciplines involved in the treatment of pain
  • To promote the formulation and use of Evidence Based Guidelines as they relate to pain
  • To promote and facilitate pain related education for health professionals and the community
  • To promote the development and use of standards and outcome measures in everyday clinical practice

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VISION

All people will have timely recognition, prevention and management of pain across their lifespan.

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