Dear colleagues,

The reframing of opioid use in the context of non-cancer pain is driven by peer-reviewed publications focusing on individual and public harms and includes Simon Holliday and his colleague’s recent publication in Pain Medicine. Their article reports on multisite cohort data collected from GP vocational trainees and the full paper includes details and discussion that should interest most members of the APS. I found it interesting overall that 98.5% of individual consultations resulted in prescribed medications (almost 1:1). It appears that non-pharmacological behavioural “prescriptions” are probably not specifically recorded in the cohort data as the ten top medical issues for which opioids were prescribed were dominantly musculoskeletal without specific information on evidence based practices such as daily walk, pacing, referral to movement physiotherapists, and addressing unhelpful beliefs.

The lead author has also previously published two articles in the Australian Family Physician in 2013, which are titled Opioid use in chronic non-cancer pain-part 1: known knowns and known unknowns, and Opioid use in chronic non-cancer pain-part 2: prescribing issues and alternatives by Holliday Simon, Hayes Chris, and Dunlop Adrian. I would strongly recommend reading these articles and diving into the references.

A testament to the switch away from potentially harmful pharmaceuticals towards whole person engagement is the wide range of organised events within this newsletter. This highlights the breadth of knowledge and skills that are now available and the enthusiasm of professionals to share their skills with their colleagues.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Davies
Co-Editor
Thanks to Simon Holliday and his colleagues who have shared the following recent publication:

THE PATTERN OF OPIOID MANAGEMENT BY AUSTRALIAN GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINEES

Simon Holliday BMed, FACHAM, FRACGP, FACRRM, Simon Morgan MPH&TM, FRACGP, Amanda Tapley Biomedical Science(Hons), Adrian Dunlop PhD, FACHAM, Kim Henderson BNurs, Grad Dip, Health Soc. Sci., Mieke van Driel PhD, FRACGP, Neil Spike MBBS, FRACGP, Lawrie McArthur MBBS, FRACGP, Jean Ball BMath, Grad Dip Med Stat, Chris Oldmeadow PhD, BMathematics (Honours) and Parker Magin PhD, FRACGP

Article first published online: 27 JUN 2015
Pain Medicine, Early View DOI: 10.1111/pme.12820

ABSTRACT

Objective
With escalating opioid prescribing come individual and public health harms. To inform quality improvement measures, understanding of opioid prescribing is essential. We aimed to establish consultation-level prevalence and associations of opioid prescribing.

Design
A cross-sectional secondary analysis from a longitudinal multisite cohort study of general practitioner (GP) vocational trainees: “Registrar Clinical Encounters in Training.”

Setting
Four of Australia’s seventeen GP Regional Training Providers, during 2010-13.

Subjects
GP trainees.

Methods
Practice and trainee demographic data were collected as well as patient, clinical and educational data of 60 consecutive consultations of each trainee, each training term. Outcome factors were any opioid analgesic prescription and initial opioid analgesic prescription for a specific problem for the first time.

Results
Overall, 645 trainees participated. Opioids comprised 4.3% prescriptions provided for 3.8% of patients. Most frequently prescribed were codeine (39.9%) and oxycodone (33.4%). Prescribing was for acute pain (29.3%), palliative care (2.6%) or other indications (68.1%). Most prescribing involved repeat prescriptions for pre-existing problems (62.7% of total). Other associations included older patients; prescriber and patient male gender; Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status; rural and disadvantaged locations; longer consultations; and generation of referrals, follow-up, and imaging requests. Opioid initiation was more likely for new patients with new problems, but otherwise associations were similar. Trainees rarely reported addiction risk-mitigation strategies.

Conclusions
Most opioids were prescribed as maintenance therapy for non-cancer pain. Demographic associations with opioid analgesic prescribing resemble those presenting for opioid dependency treatment. Our findings should inform measures by regulators and medical educators supporting multimodal pain management.

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
SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome submissions, whether brief or extended, about matters of interest to our readers - for example, reports of educational activities or articles about basic science or clinical research. Please allow time for modifications to be made to optimise a submission’s suitability for publication. In general it will be unlikely that a submission received after the 15th of each month will be published in the newsletter of the following month.

Will Howard, Editor

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2 October 2015
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29 January 2016

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Frank Birklein has been head of Peripheral Nerve Disorders and Pain Research and Treatment at the Department of Neurology, University Medical Centre Mainz, Germany since 2001.

Dr Petra Schweinhardt is an Associate Professor and full time researcher in the Faculty of Dentistry and Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dr Barry Sessle has been Professor in the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and Medicine since 1976.

Professor David Yarnitsky is Chair of Neurology at Rambam Health Care Campus, and of the Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory, Technion Faculty of Medicine, both in Haifa, Israel.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submissions Deadline: Friday 02 October 2015

There are only a few days left until the deadline for submitting an abstract for inclusion in the 2016 Australian Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting. Submit your abstract by Friday 2 October to ensure you don’t miss out.

For further information please click here
To submit an abstract please click here

HURRY LAST DAYS!
FREE PAPER AND POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

RESEARCH STUDY

Specialists from PainMedSA, an Adelaide Specialist medical practice, are conducting a research study that will observe whether a new type of implantable electrical stimulation can influence pain in long-term back pain patients. We are looking for candidates who are 18–65 years of age with back pain that has persisted for more than 3 months and have not had lasting success from other treatments.

Please call the Research Study Co-ordinator on 0459 317 521 or email: research@painmedsa.com
Chief Investigator: Dr Matthew Green

Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee have approved the conduct of this study.
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**NEW! Rising Star Award**

**HURRY! DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2015!**

This award will showcase talented young researchers in Australia in the field of pain (see below). The inaugural award will be part of the 2016 ASM.

This inaugural award showcases rising star pain researchers in Australia, and may be awarded annually subject to the application of suitable candidates. The Rising Star Winner will receive a return airfare, accommodation, and complimentary registration to attend the 2016 APS 36th ASM, where they will present a plenary talk to showcase their work and ideas. For further information and to apply, please click here.

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**Call for Nominations for Distinguished Member Award - 2016**

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 36th Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Perth from 13-16 March 2016.

**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 management, **and/or**
- Played a significant clinical, educational or research role in the field of Pain Management in Australia

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

- A **Nomination for Distinguished Member Award form** must be completed
- As a guide, it is desirable that nominees have held continuous APS membership for over 10 years
- Nominations must include an 800-900 word biography of the nominee. The Board will not consider incomplete nomination forms.
- Unsuccessful nominations are **not** automatically put forward in subsequent years.
- The nominator must be prepared to present a brief summary of the Distinguished Member biography in the ASM program, or arrange a suitable alternate for the presentation segment.

**SUBMISSION**

- All nominations to be submitted to the **APS Secretariat** by 31 October 2015.

**NOTIFICATION**

- The APS Board will notify successful nominees by **31 December 2015**.
- Distinguished Member recipients are actively encouraged to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting in order to receive their award in person from the APS President.

Past recipients of the **Distinguished Member Award** can be found on the APS website.
Registrations for the 2016 Australian Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting will be opening on Friday 2 October 2016.

START PLANNING YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE TODAY!

PROGRAM

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MEET THE SPEAKERS BREAKFAST SESSION
http://www.dcconferences.com.au/aps2016/Meet_the_Speakers_Breakfast_Session

SPONSORED SESSIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

DISCIPLINE SUB GROUP FORUMS
The Faculty of Pain Medicine and the organising committee of the 2015 Spring Meeting would like to invite you to beautiful Queenstown for an inspiring three day event. This year, the spring meeting “Adventures in pain” will examine acute and chronic pain management in trauma, sports and remote settings. The meeting will be held from October 2-4, 2015 at the world-renowned Heritage Queenstown, with its spectacular views of the towering Remarkables Mountain range, rising from the waters of Lake Wakatipu.

The international invited speaker, Professor Beth Winkelstein (US), is a Professor of Bioengineering and Professor of Neurosurgery, as well as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, at the University of Pennsylvania.

For further information, please visit www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/events or contact the conference organiser Penny McMorran on +61 3 8517 3302 or via email pmcmorran@anzca.edu.au.

I look forward to welcoming you to New Zealand.

Dr Duncan Wood, Convenor
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“Given me skills and insights for difficult patients who are getting stuck.”
                   - Physiotherapist

“Really useful approach to implement into clinical practice.”
                   - Titled Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist

“Helps identify ways to work with resistance and challenge”
                   - Psychologist

Melbourne 20th August 2015
Brisbane 10th September 2015
Sydney 22nd October 2015

Learn more and register at EmpowerRehab.com/Workshops
or call (03) 9459 3344

PAIN INTEREST GROUP

PIGNI, Pain: Inside Joint Pain
Professional Development
One-Day Program

Friday 23 October 2015 | Le Montage | Lilyfield NSW

The program provides a range of topics intended to expand your knowledge of contemporary pain issues. This event also offers an opportunity to network and meet others who share an interest in pain management.

For more information
Contact: DC Conferences Pty Ltd | Email: pigni2015@dcconferences.com.au | Tel: 02 9954 4400

IMPACT AND INNOVATION: PREVENTING INJURY IN A CHANGING WORLD

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY | 25-27 NOVEMBER 2015 | #AIPN15

12TH AUSTRALASIAN INJURY PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROMOTION CONFERENCE

The Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN), and The George Institute for Global Health Australia, welcome you to the premier injury prevention conference for Australia and the Asia Pacific.

With a theme of “Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World” the Conference will be a multi-disciplinary event featuring representatives from all areas of injury prevention including child and family safety, road and transport safety, rural and remote injury prevention, burns prevention, falls and ageing and water safety.

Attend AIPN15 and hear from Australia’s social media health expert Melissa Sweet, SMH letter’s editor Julie Lewis, and Jeremy Henderson, Media and Communications Manager from FARE on how to get heard. Chaired by ABC investigative journalist Wendy Carlisle, this session will discuss how to communicate your message to the public and your stakeholders.

For more information, visit www.injuryprevention2015.com
THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- An exciting and enticing group of international and local invited speakers
- Presentations on recent landmark research, including recent pivotal studies from the US that are evolving the quality of evidence in this space
- A special interest session for pain trainees and novice implanters
- A nursing and allied health breakout session
- A focus session on sacral stimulation

This meeting continues to explore the diversifying science and therapeutic applications of neuromodulation in pain and other applications

When: 12 – 13 March 2016
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia


YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ACUTE PAIN DAY PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop is aimed at anyone with an interest in acute pain management.

When: Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
Cost: $165 per person
Early Bird Deadline: 29 January 2016

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PAIN PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop will equip participants with the basic knowledge of pain neurobiology, psychology and therapeutic agents, using an interactive case study and multimedia. This workshop is aimed at all allied health and general practitioners, or anyone wishing to update their knowledge on the pathophysiology and treatment of pain.

When: Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
Cost: $165 per person
Early Bird Deadline: 29 January 2016
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PHARMACOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT IN PAIN PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The aim of the Pharmacological Management in Pain half-day workshop is to make a significant contribution to the optimisation of pain treatment by bringing experts together to discuss the latest scientific findings within the pain management clinical pharmacology field.

The target audience for this workshop consists of clinical pharmacologists, pharmacists, industry researchers, pain specialists, paediatricians, clinical nurse consultants, government representatives and other experts with an interest in clinical pharmacology.

**When:** Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA  
**Cost:** $110 per person  
**Early Bird Deadline:** 29 January 2016

To register or for further information please visit, [www.dcconferences.com.au/aps2016/Pre-Conference_Workshop](http://www.dcconferences.com.au/aps2016/Pre-Conference_Workshop)

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PHYSIOTHERAPY IN PAIN MANAGEMENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

**Fear, Pain and Movement**

What it looks like, the underlying basis of it, how we measure it and practical strategies to address it in clinical practice...

This workshop is for physiotherapists, and will explore the issue of fear avoidance as seen in a range of clinical situations. The construct of fear avoidance will be discussed, and then attendees will have the opportunity to explore specific approaches for managing fear avoidance in a clinical setting.

**When:** Sunday 13 March 2016, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA  
**Cost:** $110 per person  
**Early Bird Deadline:** 29 January 2016

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PAIN IN CHILDHOOD PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop is intended for clinicians from all disciplines with an interest in pain in childhood.

**When:** Sunday 13 March 2016, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA  
**Cost:** $110 per person  
**Early Bird Deadline:** 29 January 2016

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Call for papers opens
Tuesday 6 October 2015
Abstract submission deadline
Friday 8 January 2016
Registration opens
Monday 9 November 2015
Early bird deadline
Thursday 3 March 2016

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR OUR MEMBERS


ePPOC: electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration
For more information about ePPOC, refer to the website: http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/eppoc/index.html

IASP Curricula
These curricula outlines are helpful for establishing teaching courses on acute, chronic and cancer pain at both the undergraduate and graduate level. http://www.iasp-pain.org/Education/CurriculaList.aspx?navItemNumber=647

Primary Health Networks (PHNs)
Full list of the 31 PHNs with contact details on our website: http://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/Useful_Links/20150701_PHN_Contact_Details_List.pdf

Choosing Wisely Australia

British Pain Society Professional Publications
Updated every 3 years, PDFs available for download: https://www.britishpainsociety.org/british-pain-society-publications/professional-publications/

Pharmacotherapy for neuropathic pain in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Abstract of the January 2015 update prepared by the IASP NeuPSIG: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422%2814%2970251-0/abstract

Indigenous health education and guides

NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation

NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group

Medical Journal of Australia - Research

NPS MEDICINEWISE RESOURCES

Chronic Pain edition issued 01JUN15:


Managing chronic pain videos with Dr Malcolm Hogg:
POSITIONS VACANT

PSYCHOLOGIST

Job Reference: PSY0914
Employment Status: Permanent Full Time
Hours per week: 35hrs
Contact: Nicole Matthews (T: 03 8862 0063; E: nicole@precisionhealth.com.au)
Applications Close: 30OCT15

Precision ASCEND, has an exciting opportunity for an experienced, dynamic, self motivated Psychologist who enjoys a mix of delivering pain programs and private consulting, to join our Multidisciplinary Pain Management Team. We are a small but dynamic team who deliver a world-class outpatient pain management program to Victorians who suffer from Chronic Pain. The position is permanent full time and a contract may be considered for the right candidate.

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University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School - Pain Management Research Institute
Emerging Trends in Neuropathic Pain
Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Sydney, NSW

1-4 Oct 2015
Centre for Pediatric Pain Research 10th International Forum on Pediatric Pain
One Size Doesn’t Fit All: Personalised Approaches to Pediatric Pain Management
White Point Beach Resort, Nova Scotia, Canada
http://pediatric-pain.ca/ifpp

2-4 Oct 2015
Faculty of Pain Medicine Spring Meeting
Adventures in Pain
The Heritage, Queenstown, New Zealand

3-6 Oct 2015
Australian Physiotherapy Association
APA Conference 2015
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gold Coast, QLD

14-16 Oct 2015
Australian College of Nursing
The National Nursing Forum 2015 - Advancing nurse leadership
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, QLD

Various dates from 15 Oct-12 Nov 2015
University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School - Pain Management Research Institute
Visiting Scholars’ Program
Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Sydney, NSW
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17 Oct 2015
International Society for Medical Laser Applications
Seminar
Twelfth Night Theatre, Brisbane, QLD

22-23 Oct 2015
Empower Rehab
Pain Management in Practice 2 day workshop
Christie Conference Centre, Sydney, NSW
http://www.empowerehab.com/workshops/

23 Oct 2015
Pain Interest Group Nursing Issues (PIGNI)
Inside Joint Pain - Professional Development One-Day Program
Le Montage, Lilyfield, Sydney, NSW

24 Oct 2015
Focus on Pain Group
2015 Conference
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Woolloongabba, QLD
focusonpaingroup@gmail.com

15 Nov 2015
Ride for Pain
2015 Ride for Pain
Circuit options, Adelaide, SA
rideforpain@unisa.edu.au

25-27 Nov 2015
Australian Injury Prevention Network 12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference
Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World
University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8-18 Feb 2016
University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School - Pain Management Research Institute
Pain Management Multidisciplinary Workshop 2016
Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Sydney, NSW

13-16 Mar 2016
Australian Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting
Pain: Meeting the Challenge
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA

4 Apr 2016
PainAdelaide
2016 Scientific Meeting
National Wine Centre, Adelaide, SA
painadelaide@unisa.edu.au

7-9 Apr 2016
New Zealand Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Surfing the Pain Wave
The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth, New Zealand
http://www.nzps2016.org.nz

17-19 Apr 2016
Children’s Healthcare Australasia & National Rural Health Alliance Inc
Caring for Country Kids
Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs, NT
http://www.countrykids.org.au

20-23 May 2016
World Institute of Pain (WIP)
8th World Congress
Hilton NYC, New York, USA
http://wip2016.kenes.com
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26-29 May 2016
Korean Pain Society
1st International Congress on Spinal Pain – ICSP 2016
Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangju, Korea
http://www.spinemeeting.org

22-25 Jun 2016
Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy (AACBT)
8th World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC

18-21 Aug 2016
Asian and Oceanian Association of Neurology: 15th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Neurology
Advanced Education in Neurology in Asian Oceania Region
Kuala Kumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://aocn2016.com

6-9 Jul 2017
IASP Pain in Childhood SIG, Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain and College of Anaesthesiologists
11th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain: Understanding Pain In Children - Take the First Step
TBA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://www.ispp2017.org
VISION:
All people will have optimal access to pain prevention and management throughout their life.

MISSION:
The Australian Pain Society is a multidisciplinary organisation aiming to relieve pain and related suffering through advocacy and leadership in clinical practice, education and research.

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 pain-related evidenced-based research
• To share and promote the expertise of all disciplines involved in the treatment of pain
• To foster and support the prevention of persistent pain
• To promote and facilitate evidenced-based 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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