
AAAPC News - April 2022

Hello everyone,

We hope you have had a relaxing April, taking advantage of all the public holidays! AAAPC has been busy this month - make sure you don't miss anything in this newsletter, including:

- AAAPC's call to Australian politicians
- Conference updates
- Keynote speaker announcement: Dr Mataroria Lyndon
- AAAPC webinar overview: Dr Oliydae Ogunsiji
- Subcommittee updates
- Upcoming opportunities for funding and publication

...And much more, happy reading!

AAAPC's call to Australian Politicians

In advance of Australia's Federal election, [AAAPC submitted a letter](#) to the Australian Prime Minister, Health Minister and Shadow Health Minister, as well as leaders of the major Australian political parties. The letter highlights AAAPC as a leading body in primary care education and research, and draws attention to important issues that AAAPC feel must be addressed by our leaders in terms of primary care and references specific items raised in [Australia's 10 year plan for primary care](#). Read AAAPC's submission [here](#).

AAAPC Conference updates

Abstracts closed, Registration OPEN

AAAPC's 2022 Annual Research Conference Abstract Submissions are now closed. Thank you to all for contributing. We have had a record number of abstracts submitted this year!.

Remember to register for AAAPC's 2022 Annual Research Conference August 17-19!
Early bird rates apply until June 3rd



[Register Now!](#)



Conference Scholarships and Prizes

AAAPC is offering scholarships to cover annual membership and conference registration! Scholarships are available for both (i) Students; and (ii) and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and Māori and/or Pacific Peoples. Find out how to apply, and submit an application, via our [webpage](#).

Keynote speaker announcement: Dr Mataroria Lyndon

[Dr Mataroria Lyndon](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Medical Education at the University of Auckland and co-founder and Clinical Director of Tend Health. He was previously Equity Lead at Mahitahi Hauora and a medical lead for Māori health at Counties Manukau DHB. He is Deputy Chair of Te Hiringa Hauora Health Promotion Agency and a Board member of the Māori Health Authority, Northland



District Health Board, Aktive, and Pūtahi Manawa Aotearoa Centre of Research Excellence. Dr Lyndon completed his Master of Public Health at Harvard University as a Fulbright Scholar, and his PhD is focused on medical education. He was also awarded the Deloitte IPANZ Public Sector Young Professional of the Year 2016. Dr Lyndon will be providing a New Zealand perspective on our conference theme: Transforming primary healthcare: creating a vision of health for all.

We look forward to hearing more from all our [keynote speakers](#) who we hope will provide unique insights into transforming primary healthcare in both Australia and New Zealand.



- Migrant and refugee women's health
- Female genital mutilation
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Parenting

AAAPC Webinar Summary

19th April, 1pm (AEST)

Thank you **Dr Olayide Ogunsiji** for an inspiring webinar on navigating the world of academia. Dr Ogunsiji shared her story of immigrating to Australia with her family as an academic in Nigeria, and finding her way back into the world of academics in a new country. Dr Ogunsiji shared her hardships and achievements, and highlighted the importance of determination, dedication, social support, and a positive outlook. Dr Ogunsiji's top tip is to be authentic in who you are and use that to shape a clear vision for your research and in your interactions with others. Authenticity and passion in what you do will shine through and help inspire action as well as coin a research niche that is reflective of you and your interests. Dr Ogunsiji's webinar will be available soon on our members only section of the [website](#).

AAAPC Subcommittee updates

Ever wondered how to get more involved with primary care research, education, and policy? Join a subcommittee today! Email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au to be linked in to a subcommittee that interests you.

A quick update from the subcommittee chairs about what they have been working on:



Research, Policy & Advocacy subcommittee submitted a letter to several Australian politicians on the importance of primary care research, and key aspects of the Australian primary care 10 year plan that must be addressed during and after the election. The subcommittee continues to develop ideas around national networks of PBRN's and responding to academic primary care policy related issues as they arise. Have a look through the subcommittee responses on [our website](#).

Conference subcommittee has closed abstracts and will be reviewing submissions over the coming weeks. Subcommittee members are undertaking training with conference software to ensure a smooth experience leading up to and during the conference. The subcommittee is attempting to coordinate a series of local face to face social events around the conference to allow for small get togethers (public health advice permitting of course). If you would like to help by coordinating a social event for members in your area, please get in touch! Email: secretariat@aaapc.org.au

ECR subcommittee has been revelling in the success of the first AAAPC webinar of the year! This subcommittee will be continuing work on connecting and providing opportunities for ECR members. If you would like to get involved with AAAPCs ECR support, career building and mentoring, come and get involved! Email habiba.jahan@adelaide.edu.au to get an invitation to the next ECR subcommittee meeting. Check out FACEs on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do.

Education Subcommittee is currently looking into webinar topics for later in 2022, and collaboration opportunities with SAPC. If you have ideas on how to strengthen primary care education research and practice, please join! Email: secretariat@aaapc.org.au

Membership Engagement Subcommittee met in March and is recruiting more members! Are you creative? Do you tweet? Would you like to see more opportunities provided by AAAPC for you? Come and get involved in the membership engagement subcommittee. We plan events, tweet, and try to get all the AAAPC goss out to you. Please get email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au

Upcoming Opportunities

International research funding opportunities

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme in the UK has a long-standing collaboration with the Australian NHMRC and advertise joint commissioned calls inviting collaborative international research proposals to address shared research priorities. These collaborative commissioned calls are announced on the [NIHR](#) and funding [NHMRC](#) websites. There is also opportunity to [suggest research topics](#) that could go through the NIHR prioritisation process for future funding consideration. Joint funding applications between the UK and Australia may be one way to provide opportunity and solidify international relationships in primary health care research.

Please contact the Secretariat if you have a research idea and we can put you in touch with the Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) in the UK who will assist with facilitating collaboration with NIHR.

Australian primary care specific funding opportunities

A few primary care relevant grant opportunities that may be of interest for you or your team members:

- **Clinical Trials Activity** grant opportunity with Primary care specific opportunities in streams 5 and 6. Applications close 6 July, 2022.
- **Preventive and Public Health Research Initiatives:** [Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant](#), [Consumer-Led Research Grant](#), and [Chronic Respiratory Conditions](#) (stream 2). All Opened 20 December, 2021, and close 13 July, 2022.
- **Primary Health Care Digital Innovations** grant to develop novel digital health tools and technologies to improve access to primary health care services in disadvantaged and/or vulnerable populations. Applications close on 22 July, 2022.
- [MRFF Effective Treatments and Therapies](#) grant opportunity (Focus on exercise and physical activity interventions). Applications close 27 July, 2022.
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- [MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care](#) grant to support older people to maintain their health and quality of life (particularly streams 1 and 2). Applications close 7 September, 2022.
- [MRFF Cardiovascular Health](#) grant opportunity (particularly stream 3). Applications close 7 September, 2022.

Remember to subscribe to GrantConnect. GrantConnect provides a centralised publication of all forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities via an online portal. To receive personalised research grant updates, make sure to input your research key words (separated by commas) when you register!

Primary Care specific publication opportunities



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Te Whare Tohu Rata o Aotearoa

[Professor Tim Stokes](#) and [Professor Felicity Goodyear-Smith](#) have been appointed as the new Co-Editors-in-Chief of the [Journal of Primary Health Care](#). The Journal of Primary Health Care is the peer-reviewed, open access research journal of [The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners](#).

Felicity is no stranger to this role, having been the founding Editor-in-Chief in 2019. Tim and Felicity have repositioned the scope of the journal to include the fields of family/general practice, rural hospital medicine, primary health care nursing, community pharmacy, physiotherapy and counselling, as well as areas such as health care delivery, health promotion, epidemiology and public health, of interest to a primary health care provider audience. The [JPHC](#) aims to publish research that is conducted in, or highly relevant to, New Zealand, Australia and Pacific nations, with a strong focus on Indigenous Māori and Pacific health issues. The Editors are committed to providing robust and rapid reviews of submitted manuscripts and encourage their Australian primary health care colleagues to submit their work.

A few AAAPC members are leading upcoming special issues with a focus on primary care!

[Climate Crisis and Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Family Practice*, is calling for submissions on how primary health care can adapt to changes in disease and illness incidence and prevalence, and preventive and health promotion activity to ameliorate the burden of disease. An outline of accepted formats is available through the link above. Submissions due 1 May 2022. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Liz Sturgiss](#).

[Optimising Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Australia: the Role of Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, is calling for submissions relating to women's sexual and reproductive health in Australia. An outline of the scope of topics covered can be found on the AJPH website, linked above. Full submissions due *by 30 June 2022* via the AJPH portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner, online publication following acceptance, and the issue out in early 2023. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Jessica Botfield](#).

[Oral Health in Healthcare](#), a special issue in *Healthcare*, is calling for submissions on the role of oral health in the bigger picture of healthcare to bring attention to the relationship between oral and systemic health, and the need for collaboration between oral health and other healthcare practitioners. Full submissions due by 31 October 2022 via the Healthcare portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Phyllis Lau](#).

Members Noticeboard

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is a space to post national and international primary care opportunities: jobs, research projects, guidelines and resources – really whatever you like!



In case you missed any posts in April we have seen: Job opportunities at Griffith University (gold coast), and University of Adelaide; as well as calls to contribute to research in fertility and women's health, and digital health for chronic disease management. [Results](#) on characteristics and strategies employed by different countries to deal with COVID-19, from a primary health care perspective have also been shared.

To get updates on the noticeboard in your emails, click [here](#) to subscribe, or navigate to the AAAPC members noticeboard (requires login) and click the subscribe button.

Using the noticeboard is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. Sign into the AAAPC website and go to the [Members Only Section >> Noticeboard](#)
2. Underneath the big blue rectangle there is a 'Subscribe' button you can click to receive regular messages to your inbox.
3. If you would like to leave a message for other members, click the 'Create topic' button underneath the big blue rectangle.



Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications

- **Jon Emery** and team: [Improved models of care for cancer survivors](#). The Lancet. April, 2022.
- **Jennifer Reath** and team: [Developing indicators and measures of high-quality for Australian general practice](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. April, 2022.
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Digital health to support primary care provision during a global pandemic](#). Australian Health Review. March, 2022.

- **Grant Russell** and team: [Primary Aldosteronism](#). BMJ. April, 2022.
- **Ruth Mursa** and team: [Men's help-seeking and engagement with general practice: An integrative review](#). Journal of Advanced Nursing. April, 2022.
- **Nicholas Zwar** and team: [Giving Asthma Support to Patients \(GASP\) program evaluation](#). Australian Journal of General Practice. April, 2022.
- **Virginia Lewis** and team: [Australian general practice experiences of implementing a structured approach to initiating advance care planning and palliative care: a qualitative study](#). BMJ Open. March, 2022.
- **Ruby Biezen** and team: [Costing of an Australian general practice COVID-19 drive-through testing and respiratory clinic](#). BMC Primary Care. March, 2022.
- **Ben Harris-Roxas** and team: [Strengths and risks of the Primary Health Network commissioning model](#). Australian Health Review. April, 2022.

This list does not comprehensively include the achievements of all of our members (sorry). Please send me an email at katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au when you or another member you know has an achievement that we can all celebrate! Some previous examples include a new PhD completion, publication, or an award. Remember to also tag AAAPC in tweets about achievements in primary care -- we would love to share the joy!

Welcome to New AAAPC Members

We would love to introduce new members in the newsletter - it is a great way to build networks within our community, highlight your areas of research interest and projects you might be working on. If you would like your bio to be published in the monthly newsletter, please email secretariat@aaapc.org.au or katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au. We are excited to meet you!

Until next time,
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