

# AAAPC News - January 2023

Hello everyone,

January is over already! AAAPC have been firing up to support a new year of primary care education, research, and advocacy. Make sure you don't miss any of the good news including:

- Upcoming AAAPC Webinar
- Upcoming MDANZ webinar
- AAAPC Subcommittee updates
- Upcoming primary care opportunities

...And more

Happy reading!

## Upcoming AAAPC Webinar: Developing your online researcher profile



This interactive webinar will give practical tips to researchers about how to develop their online researcher profiles and the benefits of doing so.

Dr Flora Hui, Dr Shakira Milton and Dr Sharon Leitch will emphasis why it is important to showcase yourself online using a consistent brand on across platforms including Twitter, LinkedIn, ResearchGate, Google Scholar, and University profiles.

**When: Monday 13th February 12noon-1pm**

**Where: Zoom**

[Register Now](#)

## **MDANZ Talking MedEd webinar: By Choice - not by Chance**

Access to skilled, professional, and local GPs is key to the health of our communities. Yet as we see the need growing, supply is failing to keep pace. This webinar will hear from Health Education England on their work over the last few years that has led to a 45 percent increase to their GP training capacity. Participants will explore what we could do here in Australia and New Zealand to realise similar growth and increase the number of junior doctors pursuing rewarding and dynamic careers in general practice.

**When:** Wednesday 22 Feb, 2023. 6-7:30pm

**Where:** [Zoom](#)

## **Members Noticeboard**

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is *the* 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 this month we have seen: Clinician researcher scholarships; New PLOS pre-registration of studies to enhance methodological rigor; Call of clinician participants in research for patient delivered partner therapies and for Doctors who treat other doctors; Information on the Shoalhaven Research Conference; and an upcoming guest lecture on public policy around antibiotic resistance.

To get regular updates on noticeboard posts 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.

## AAAPC Subcommittee Updates



AAAPC has 5 subcommittees dedicated to advancing the building excellence in academic primary care.

[AAAPC strategic plan](#) and

If you would like to get involved in one or more of the subcommittees, check out [our webpage](#) and email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au).

**Early Career Researcher subcommittee** is meeting in February to discuss plans for the year. The subcommittee will be reinvigorating the AAAPC Friends Advancing Careers via E-based Support (FACES) group {link to webpage}, and ensuring an ECR-friendly and supportive environment within AAAPC. If you would like to get involved with the ECR subcommittee, please email the subcommittee Chair at [jessica.botfield@monash.edu.au](mailto:jessica.botfield@monash.edu.au)

**Education subcommittee** is advocating for primary care education to be incorporated into all aspects of AAAPC. The subcommittee is committed to supporting education research by working with the conference subcommittee on education focused streams and activities, working with the ECR subcommittee to ensure appropriate early career support for education and teaching, and working with the executive committee to support member opportunities in education, such as the travelling fellowship. This subcommittee is also brainstorming some webinar topics for an education focussed primary care webinar later this year.

**Membership Engagement subcommittee** is working on a strategy to increase engagement in New Zealand, ensure value for members, and expand AAAPC influence. This subcommittee creates all the external facing communications, and explores new ways to engage with you. Keep in touch with this subcommittee, and all of AAAPC, by following @AAAPC\_ANZ, tagging us in primary care related content, and liking our posts -- this will help boost the reach of AAAPC to new audiences which can bring new opportunities for all members of AAAPC.

**Conference subcommittee** has decided on a face-to-face conference event at the university of Melbourne for 2023. The conference subcommittee is finalising the digital support required, and making plans to greet you at the registration desk, and finalising an exciting conference dinner venue! Keep an eye on our webpage and social media pages to keep in the know for our annual research conference. To support future conferences, the

subcommittee is forward planning by connecting with new sponsors and venues that can support face-to-face conferences in 2024 and beyond.

**Academic Policy & Advocacy subcommittee** will meet in February to discuss plans for 2023, particularly around the primary care workforce crisis in both Australia and New Zealand. The subcommittee will be pulling together a webinar on major policy issues for primary care in the first quarter of 2023 – keep your eyes peeled for more information soon.

## Upcoming Primary Care 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:

- [MRFF Million minds mental health research mission](#). Grant opportunity to improve mental health and wellbeing via improving diagnosis, treatment or prevention. Applications close 29 March, 2023.
- [MRFF International Clinical Trial Collaborations Grant Opportunity](#). Grant opportunity to propose a single clinical trial in Australia in collaboration with international counterparts. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Multiple Sclerosis Research Grant Opportunity](#). Primary care relevant opportunities particularly in stream 4. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Research Data Infrastructure Grant Opportunity](#). To harness multiple existing data infrastructure types in developing and implementing new approaches for addressing an unmet medical need. Applications close 13 February, 2023

- [MRFF Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#) To improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across six streams. Applications close 1 March, 2023
- [NHMRC-Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases \(GACD\): Non-Communicable Disease Prevention in Cities](#). To address non-communicable disease risk factors associated with city environments and related health inequities, with a focus on low to middle income countries or Indigenous communities in high income countries. Applications close 7 June, 2023.

Please note MRFF have requested AAAPC highlight the following grant opportunities as having potential primary care applications:

- [MRFF Genomics Health Futures Mission](#). The MRFF team has specified stream 4 as targeted at primary care, with the aim to conduct education and/or implementation research on strategies for improving clinical capacity to apply genomics in the primary health care sector. Applications close 22 February, 2023
- [MRFF Assessment of High-Cost Gene Treatments and Digital Health Interventions](#). The MRFF team has specified Stream 3 with potential primary care application: To undertake a retrospective or prospective evaluation of an implementation of a digital health intervention that assesses the relative impact of augmenting face-to-face care with data from digital tools. Applications close 1 March, 2023.

**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!

## **Inaugural Shoalhaven Rural Health Research Conference**

The Inaugural Shoalhaven Rural Health Research Conference will cover rural community wellbeing, resilience and recovery, as well as rural health workforce issues.

**When:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am-5pm

**Where:** UOW Shoalhaven Campus, George Evans Drive, Mundamia

**Capped registration numbers –** [please register early!](#)

Conference dinner from 6pm at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Bridge Road Nowra. RSVP by Tuesday February 28. Send enquiries to [isprn-enquiries@uow.edu.au](mailto:isprn-enquiries@uow.edu.au)

## **Victoria PHN primary care conference**

Western Victoria Primary Health Network will be running a Primary Care conference on the last weekend of May 2023. The focus of the Primary Care Conference 2023 is: Toddler to Teen Health – an Investment in the Future.

[Details coming soon!](#)



## WONCA 2023 Abstracts Open

The World Organisation of Family Doctors Conference will be held in **Sydney Australia** from **26-29 October, 2023**. Abstracts are now open! Submit [online](#) by February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.



## Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **David Chua** and team: [The M-ChooSe pilot: the acceptability and utilisation of the nurse-led, general practice clinic co-located "Mater CALD Healthcare Coordinator Service" for patients from multicultural backgrounds.](#) *Australian Journal of Primary Health*. December 2022.
- **Jessica Botfeld** and team: [Utilising HealthPathways to understand the availability of public abortion in Australia.](#) *Australian Journal of Primary Health*. December 2022.
- **Felicity Goodyear-Smith & Tim Stokes.** [Challenges and opportunities for sustainable and equitable primary care.](#) *Journal of Primary Health Care*. December 2022.

- **Christopher Harrison** and team: [Rates of psychotropic medicine prescribing in paediatrics populations in Australian general practice from 2000-2016](#). *European Neuropsychopharmacology*. December 2022.
- **Ben Harris-Roxas** and team: [Smoking cessation on discharge summaries](#). *Medical Journal of Australia*. January 2023.
- **Liz Sturgis** and team: [Key items for reports of primary care research: an international Delphi study](#). *BMJ Open*. December 2022.
- **Sally Hall Dykgraaf** and team: [Long COVID and older people](#). *The Lancet Healthy Longevity*. December 2022.
- **Ruby Biezen** and team: [Factors impacting COVID-19 vaccine decision making in older adults and people with underlying conditions in Victoria, Australia: A cross sectional survey](#). *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*. December 2022.
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Now is the time to act on nutrition in medical education](#). *Medical Journal of Australia*. January 2023.

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](mailto: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\_ANZ in tweets about achievements in primary care – we would love to share the joy!

## Welcome to New AAAPC Members

We would love to introduce all 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](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) or [katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au](mailto:katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au). We are excited to meet you!

Happy New Year!

Until next month,

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## BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR



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MAY YOUR SNACKS  
BE PLENTIFUL



MAY COFFEE  
NEVER BURN  
YOUR TONGUE



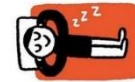
MAY DOGS  
SMILE UPON YOU



MAY CATS ALWAYS  
CHOOSE YOUR LAP  
(UNLESS YOU ARE  
ALLERGIC)



MAY YOUR HOUSE  
-PLANTS THRIVE



MAY YOUR NAPS  
BE ALWAYS  
REFRESHING

BUT *above*  
ALL ELSE ...



MAY YOU BE  
HEALTHY,  
HAPPY and  
UNBURDENED  
BY BAD THINGS

comic by Gemma Correll