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# AAAPC News - April 2023

Goodbye April, hello May! AAAPC has been marching forward with only 4 months to go until our annual research conference. Make sure not to miss any updates including:

- AAAPC Conference Abstracts close MAY 5th!
- Abstract reviewers needed NOW
- Conference registrations open
- EMCA network & noticeboard

And much, more...

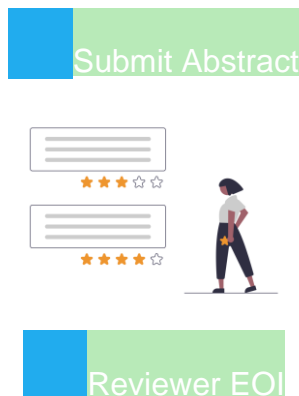
Happy reading!

## **AAAPC 2023 Annual Research Conference**

### **Abstract Submissions CLOSING SOON**

Abstracts are due by **5pm Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>**. That is *Friday THIS WEEK!* We encourage abstract submissions covering the full spectrum of primary care across a range of multidisciplinary perspectives. We also welcome submissions focussed on methodological developments and challenges relevant to primary care.

Find out more [on our webpage](#) including: types and formats for submissions, conference prizes and awards, and instructions for how to submit an abstract for review. Note there is not likely to be late breaking abstracts -- so get in while you can!



### **Abstract Reviewers Needed**

Help us review abstracts for the Annual Research Conference! Review a handful of abstracts to help ensure this AAAPC conference is the best yet. Reviewing is made easy

with [prespecified criteria](#), and a mentor-mentee program for anyone looking to

develop their skills in reviewing or mentoring. Fill out the expression of interest form here to put your name down as an individual reviewer, and to seek support in developing this skill or offer your expertise as an mentor

## Registration Open

The 2023 Annual Research Conference will be in person at Melbourne Connect, from 17-18 August 2023. The theme of this years conference is Strengthening Primary Care: Networks, collaborations and infrastructure.

Member registration starts at \$450 for two days of fantastic academic primary care presentations (student discount available). Early bird pricing will be available until June 23rd - get in quick!



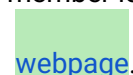
## Conference Dinner

Join us for our first in person social event in 3 years! We will have dinner in the beautiful Melbourne SeaLife Aquarium, with the coral atoll display and views of the city scape across the river. Dinner will include canapes and two courses. Tickets are \$99 each, with discounts available for student members. You can purchase a ticket during conference registration. Can't wait to see you there!

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held 5-6pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of August. We encourage all members to attend so they can have a say in how our organisation runs. At the meeting you will all hear what we have been doing for the last year, what we plan to do for 2023/24, and have an opportunity to get more involved in our member led

organisation. You can see our 2022 meeting minutes on our





## AAAPC EMCA network

We have revamped the AAAPC FACES group. We now the AAAPC Early and Mid Career Academic (EMCA) Network. This new name reflects the broader scope of the network, now supporting both research and education focussed academics. This network for PhD students, early-, and mid-career academics working in primary care is free to join and aims to provide:

- Networking opportunities through connecting members with one another and with other primary care researchers in Australia, New Zealand
- Mentoring, advice and collegial discussions about career advancement
- Capacity-building opportunities through the sharing of information, events and resources

Check out our new webpage [here](#). To join, contact the EMCA chair, Dr Jessica Botfield at [jessica.botfield@monash.edu.au](mailto:jessica.botfield@monash.edu.au). Members will have access to an EMCA only noticeboard with questions, advice and conversations specific to EMCA careers.

## 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!



This month we have seen: A query on NHMRC's peer review analysis committee, a Lecturer position opportunity with Griffith University, and a call for AAAPC abstract reviewers.

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 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).

**APA subcommittee:** The subcommittee is considering a response to the [Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report](#) to remind the Government of the previous 10 year plan for primary care.

**Conference Subcommittee:** Has been meeting regularly to discuss keynote speakers and start on conference programming. This subcommittee is about to start the process of scoring abstracts and grouping into the program for 2023. Keep an eye on the webpage and twitter for a program announcement in the coming months!

**ECR subcommittee:** is revamping the AAAPC mentoring program to connect early and mid career primary care academics. The program is expected to launch mid year and will focus on developing emerging researchers and educators. If you would like to get involved with primary care research and education mentoring (as a mentee or mentor),

join in by signing up on the [website](#), or email [jessica.botfield@monash.edu](mailto:jessica.botfield@monash.edu)

**ME subcommittee:** is also revamping our new member welcome package and considering a member wide survey to ensure AAAPC can meet the needs of members, and to highlight opportunities for members to contribute to our volunteer organisation. This subcommittee is also working on a AAAPC rebrand - to be launched during our Annual Research Conference in August 2023.

**Education Subcommittee:** is infiltrating all our subcommittees to ensure primary care education and education research is adequately represented throughout AAAPC. This subcommittee is preparing for the Neil Carson Medal to recognise leadership in primary care education – keep your eyes peeled for applications opening in June/July! If you have a passion for education, this subcommittee is for you! Join by emailing your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

## 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 Rapid applied research translation grant opportunity](#). To support translation and implementation of evidence-based practice, or to support evaluation of previously funded (2022) translation and implementation activities. Applications due May 12, 2023
- **MRFF Preventive and public health research initiative.** [Consumer-led research grant opportunity](#), [Chronic Respiratory Conditions Grant opportunity](#), [Maternal Health and Lifestyles grant opportunity](#). All applications due June 14, 2023.
- [MRFF Clinician Researchers Initiative](#). To support General Practitioner clinicians to improve the quality of health care, practice and systems in their area, or implement and evaluate evidence-based practice. Applications due August 2, 2023
- [MRFF Primary Health Care Research Initiative](#). To support projects that address one or more priorities in the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce or to evaluate or implement best practice multidisciplinary care models. Applications Due August 2, 2023

- [MRFF 2023 Models of Care for Sexuality & Gender Diverse People grant opportunity](#). To support projects that develop, implement or evaluate models of care that support best practice care for sexually diverse or gender diverse people. Projects should involve co-design with community members. Applications due August 23, 2023
- [MRFF 2023 Early to Mid Career researchers grant opportunity](#). To support teams to drive health care improvements for priority populations. Applications close June 21, 2023.
- [MRFF 2023 Cardiovascular Health Mission](#). To develop and/or test tools, resources, and/or strategies that could be implemented to improve both the health care provision for and experience of consumers. Streams 5 and 2-4 have potential primary care opportunities. Applications close August 30, 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!

### Victoria PHN primary care conference

Western Victoria Primary Health Network is holding a Primary Care conference on the **27-28th of May 2023**. The focus of the Primary Care Conference 2023 is: Toddler to Teen Health – an Investment in the Future. There are options to attend in person or online

[Find out more here!](#)



### FESTIVAL OF NURSING



### Australian Practice Nurses Festival of Nursing

[APNA Festival of Nursing](#) will be held **27-29 July** in Perth. Speakers will be discussing topics such as patient-centred care, the use of technology in nursing, the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare and a vast range of clinical

topics. [Abstracts open now!](#)

## WONCA 2023 Abstracts Open

The World Organisation of Family Doctors Conference will be held in **Sydney Australia** from **26-29 October, 2023**. Late breaking abstracts will open on May 24. [Find out more here.](#)



### Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Johanna Lynch** and team: [Whole person assessment for family medicine: A systematic review](#). *BMJ Open*, April 2023.
- **Shakira Milton** and team: [Designing a decision aid for cancer prevention: a qualitative study](#). *Family Practice*, April 2023.
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Community Organising Frameworks, Models, and Processes to Improve Health: A systematic scoping review](#). *Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, March 2023.
- **Tim Stokes & Felicity Goodyear-Smith**: [Rethinking the consultation in 21<sup>st</sup> century Aotearoa New Zealand](#). *Journal of Primary Health Care*, April 2023.
- **Leah East** and team: [Reproductive and sexual health effects of intimate partner violence: a longitudinal and intergenerational analysis](#). *Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare*, March 2023.
- **Jessica Botfield** and team: [Evaluation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Support Workshops for Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorders](#). *Sexuality and Disability*, April 2023.
- **Leah East** and team. [Involvement of community pharmacy professionals in maternal health service provision in Ethiopia: A multi-center cross-sectional survey](#). *Journal of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research*, March 2023.
- **Riki Lane** and team: [Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy for the Trans, Gender Diverse, and Nonbinary Community: Coordinating World Professional Association for Transgender Health and Informed Consent Models of Care](#). *Transgender Health*, April 2023.

- **Rona Carroll** and team: [Uptake, experiences and barriers to cervical screening for trans and non-binary people in Aotearoa New Zealand.](#) *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, April 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!

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