
AAAPC News - March 2023

We are into April! AAAPC has been busy as always, make sure not to miss out on any news, including:

- AAAPC Conference Abstracts & Registrations are open
- Save the date for AAAPC's Annual General Meeting for 2023
- Early to Mid Career Academics support network rebrand
- NEW: MRFF Consumer Reference Panel Principles for Consumer Involvement

And much, much more...

Happy reading!

AAAPC 2023 Annual Research Conference



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.

[Register Now](#)

[Submit Abstract](#)

Abstract Submissions Open

Abstracts are due by **5pm Friday May 5th**. 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. All abstracts will be de-identified, reviewed and scored for inclusion independently by 2 reviewers. Remember to tick the box in your abstract submission if you would like to be involved in reviewing or mentoring reviewers for our conference!

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 17th 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.

NEW 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 Bottfield at jessica.botfield@monash.edu.au Members will have access to an EMCA only noticeboard with questions, advice and conversations specific to EMCA careers.

MRFF Consumer Reference Panel: Principles for consumer engagement in funded research

The MRFF have published principles for consumer involvement in research funded by the MRFF/. The document provides implementation guidance to help support and encourage effective collaboration between consumers, researchers, research organisations and other health and medical research stakeholders. Read more on the Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care website [here](#).

Time to renew: update your AAAPC membership for 2023



Membership renewal was due 1st of March! You may no longer be an active member.

Individual membership remains at \$175 per year, with discounts available for students and registrars. Renew on the website today to get cheaper conference registration.



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, highlight on how participating in clinical trials can improve health of participants and GPs, overview on how Health Service Research does not classify as a clinical trial (according to ANZ Clinical Trials Register), and a call for participation in international research into vaccine roll out in primary care

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.

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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. Exciting things are happening in this space – keep your eye on twitter and this newsletter to get all the information soon.

ECR subcommittee: is revamping the AAAPC mentoring program to connect early and mid career primary care academics. This group will focus on developing as researchers and educators. If you would like to get involved with primary care research and education mentoring, join in by signing up on the website!

ME subcommittee: Has been tweeting up a storm – get all the hot news and recent publications on our twitter feed. This 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.

Education Subcommittee: Is busy 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 soon! If you have a passion for education, this subcommittee is for you! Join by emailing your interest to 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.

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!

New Zealand funding opportunities for primary care

- [2023 HRC Health Delivery Research Activation Grant](#). To establish health delivery research projects. Applications registration due March 15, full applications due April 12, 2023.
- [2023 HRC Health Delivery Research Career Development Awards](#). To support clinicians and academics to undertake funded placement in research, health services, or policy while or contributing to a research project. Applications registration due March 15, full applications due April 12, 2023.
- [2023 HRC Health Delivery Research Project Grant](#). To support research that directly impacts healthcare and health outcomes for New Zealanders.

Applications registration due March 15, EOIs close April 5, and full applications due August 3, 2023.

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





[AAAPC Travelling Fellowships](#) for 2023/24 have been awarded! Congratulations to Dr Vera Costa (Monash University), Dr Katelyn Barnes (ACT Health), Dr Shakira Milton (University of Melbourne), and Dr Melis Selamoglu (University of Melbourne).

We look forward to hearing more about these successful fellowships soon, including the topics of their research and plans for relationship building.

Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Annete Peart** and team: [The experiences of family members attending an online addiction education program: a qualitative study](#). Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy, March 2023
- **Alex Pavli** and team: [What can we learn from Australian general practices taking steps to be more environmentally sustainable? A qualitative study](#). Family Practice, March 2023.
- **Grant Russell** and team: [Enhanced primary care after hospitalization: General practitioner, pharmacist and patient feedback from the REMAIN HOME trial](#). Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy, March 2023.
- **Kirsty Douglas** and team: [Harnessing fast and slow thinking to ensure sustainability of general practice and functional universal health coverage in Australia](#). MJA, March 2023.
- **Renee Fiolet** and team: [Community perspectives on delivering trauma-aware and culturally safe perinatal care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents](#). Women and Birth, March 2023.
- **Tim Stokes** and team: [What is important for high quality rural health care? A qualitative study of rural community and provider views in Aotearoa New Zealand](#). Rural Remote Health, March 2023.
- **Danielle Mazza** and team: [Improving rural and regional access to long-acting reversible contraception and medical abortion through nurse-led models of care, task-sharing and telehealth \(ORIENT\): a protocol for a stepped wedge pragmatic cluster-randomised controlled trial in Australian general practice](#). BMJ Open, March 2023.

- **Sharon James** and team: [Women's needs for lifestyle risk reduction engagement during the interconception period: A scoping review](#). BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health, February 2023.
- **Phyllis Lau** and team: [Consensus on indicators of high-quality general practice](#). Kudos Highlights, March 2023.
- **Kyle Eggleton** and team: [How does cultural safety embed into our consultation models? A critical reflection](#). Journal of Primary Health Care, March 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 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!