
AAAPC News - October 2023

Hello everyone,

AAAPC has been bounding along with lots of news for you this month! Make sure not to miss anything including:

- Webinar recording now available (members only)
- AAAPC Equity Awards
- NEW Primary Care specific research reporting guidelines
- AAAPC2024 Conference save the date
- AAAPC now on LinkedIn

And much, much more...

Happy reading!



Webinar recording now available

BIG Thankyou to Dr Sharon James for her fantastic webinar 'How do we get them and keep them? Understanding the preparation preparedness and practice scope of nurses working in general practice' and another thank you to Ms Frances Baraclough for chairing the session. Dr Sharon James explored how the workforce of primary care nursing is influenced by the current primary care nursing scope of practice, funding models, .

regulations, practice culture and training programs. AAAPC member can watch (or re-watch) the recorded webinar on our [AAAPC website](#) (requires member login).

2023 AAAPC Equity Research and Education awards

The AAAPC announced a new member award in August to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our organisation. The award of up to \$5000 is to recognise AAAPC members who require financial assistance in primary care research and/or education in First Nations or

underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. **Applications close December 15.** Find out how to apply on [our webpage](#).



NEW reporting guidelines for primary care research

As many of us have experienced, the diversity of primary care creates challenges for reporting of research, and despite the multiple available reporting guidelines, none specifically focus on primary care. Some of our AAAPC members have been working with an international cohort to create clear reporting guidelines for primary care research. The team surveyed international primary care literature, surveyed international primary care researchers to identify possible reporting items, and conducted 2-rounds of Delphi style consensus to confirm essential reporting items. The Consensus Reporting Items for Studies in Primary Care (CRISP) Checklist guides reporting of primary care research to include the information needed by the primary care community, including practitioners, patients, and communities. The guidelines aim to guide the design and reporting of primary care research, and to support primary care researchers in reviewing already published work to improve or assess reproducibility and quality of reporting in primary care research. The CRISP checklist contains 24 items and complements current guidelines to enhance the reporting, dissemination, and application of primary care

research findings and results. The CRISP checklist is available [online here](#) and via the EQUATOR reporting network.

LinkedIn



AAAPC is now on LinkedIn

AAAPC's [LinkedIn](#) profile is live! Follow AAAPC to keep up to date with academic primary care news, AAAPC events, and what AAAPC is doing for academic primary care. Help AAAPC to increase reach and influence by liking, sharing, and commenting on our posts when you can.

AAAPC Conference 2024 Save the date

The AAAPC Annual Research Conference for 2024 is set for Thursday and Friday August 15-16, 2024 and will be hosted by Western Sydney University. The conference theme is *Striving for health equity through research and education*. Block out the dates and locations in your calendars now for what is sure to be another fantastic face-to-face celebration of academic primary care.



AAAPC executive committee updates

Introductions to our executive committee members will occur over the next few newsletters, this month we are introducing our Vice President, Treasurer, Education subcommittee chair and Conference subcommittee chair.



Vice President - Sarah Dennis

I'm Professor Sarah Dennis and I am the AAAPC Vice President for 2023 through 2025. I am a Professor of Allied Health at the University of Sydney, South West Sydney Local Health District and a member of the clinical council of Central and Eastern Sydney PHN. My research interests are in the prevention, diagnosis and management of chronic conditions in primary care and especially the role that allied health can play to improve health outcomes. I am really interested in access to allied health in primary care which is currently inequitable. As vice president, I am looking forward to working with colleagues to inform Australasian multidisciplinary primary care policy and practice.

Treasurer - Anisa Assifi

I'm Dr Anisa Assifi and I am the AAAPC treasurer for 2023 through 2025. I am a Research Fellow with the SPHERE Centre for Research Excellence, in the Department of General Practice at Monash University. My research focuses on sexual and reproductive health

research in the areas of adolescent health, abortion access, and access to SRH information and services. My PhD at the



University of Technology Sydney examined adolescents access to abortion services in New South Wales. Prior to coming to Monash University, I've worked in sexual and reproductive health research with the World Health Organization, Karolinska Institute and University of Technology Sydney. I am looking forward to playing an active role as part of the AAAPC Executive team as treasurer, supporting the organisation's growth as we move forward in the coming financial years.



Primary Health Care Education Subcommittee Chair - Frances Baraclaugh

I'm Ms Frances Baraclaugh and I am the AAAPC Education subcommittee chair for 2023 through 2025. I am a Registered Nurse and a senior lecturer for the University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine and Health, located at the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) in northern NSW. I lead the development and implementation of an interprofessional commonwealth funded multidisciplinary education program supporting undergraduate and postgraduate students from up to 15 Australian universities across 13 health disciplines. I teach over 1000 students each year as part of this program. I lead a world-first program of research in the development of an international framework to guide the implementation of integrated care into curriculum. As the Education subcommittee chair, I am looking forward to building capacity and identifying opportunities for enhancing primary health care principles and interprofessional practice into the training of our health and social care workforce.

Conference subcommittee chair - Phyllis Lau

I'm Dr Phyllis Lau, I am the Immediate Past President of AAAPC and I will chair the Conference Subcommittee this year. I am a pharmacist, Senior Lecturer and Research Lead at the Department of General Practice, Western Sydney University as well as

Honorary Associate Professor at the Melbourne Dental School and Senior Lecturer at the Department of General Practice. My



research interests include Indigenous health, chronic disease management, interprofessional collaborative care and communication as well as health service delivery for the purpose of achieving health equity and informing primary health care policy reform, particularly related to culturally and linguistically diverse and disadvantaged populations. I look forward to working with the team to achieve the vision of the 2024 Conference Subcommittee to conduct a conference “to foster a culture of excellence, and sustainability in primary care research, education, practice and policy.”

Next month we will introduce AAAPC’s new Vice President (Sarah Dennis), Treasurer (Anisa Assifi), and subcommittee chairs for Academic Policy and Advocacy (Grant Russell), and Early and Mid-career Academics (Leah East).

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 posts for: An upcoming rural health conference invitation from University of Wollongong, and a post about the reporting guidelines for primary care research (CRISP).

Keep up to date with all the news by getting 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 [AAAPC strategic plan](#) and building excellence in academic primary care.

Would you like to contribute to AAAPC in an official capacity? Build your networks and share your leadership expertise by getting involved as a member! Email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au

Academic Policy & Advocacy: Met in September to discuss the need for increased advocacy work by AAAPC. The subcommittee discussed roles and functions for the next 12 months to ensure output, and will meet again mid-November to discuss AAAPC voice

around the [MRFF primary care research plan](#).

PHC Education: Has been busy working on their white paper on inter-professional education and has planned a webinar for next week! Join us online for primary care education focussed webinar on GP Nurse preparedness.

EMCA: Has met to move forward with the AAAPC mentoring program and is planning an EMCA network catch up soon - watch this space! If you are a member of the EMCA network, make sure to also join our special EMCA noticeboard in the 'members only' section of our webpage (requires login).

Conference: Has defined an equity focussed conference theme and is currently scouting venues in Western Sydney for the 2024 Conference. The committee will meet again in November to keep momentum surging forward ensuring a fantastic 2024 AAAPC annual research conference.

Membership: has launched the AAAPC LinkedIn presence, designed the 2024 conference logo's and is in the process of planning at least 3 webinars over the next 12 months as

well as an interactive online networking event outside of the conference. The committee is brainstorming ways to better communicate AAAPC policy and advocacy efforts so that members can be kept up to date with how AAAPC is advocating for academic primary care.

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 may be able to assist with facilitating collaboration with NIHR.

The **NHMRC-EU Collaborative Research Grant Scheme** supports Australian participation in international collaborative research under Horizon Europe. Several topics streams are available, with primary care applications for all streams. Find out more about how to

apply [here](#), via GrantConnect.

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 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. *UPDATED DUE DATE*: November 15, 2023.
- [MRFF 2023 Dementia aging and aged care mission](#). To improve access to preventive health interventions and improve quality of care for older Australians NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort studies. To support high-quality clinical trials and cohort studies that address important gaps in knowledge, leading to relevant and implementable findings for health. Due 15 November, 2023.
- [MRFF Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission](#). To improve quality of life for those who might not otherwise benefit from mental health research. Of the four streams available, primary care could fit within all. Due 29 November, 2023.

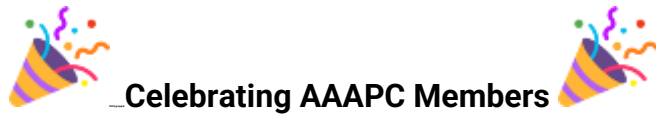
- [MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund](#). Within this opportunity are three targeted calls aimed at exploring social determinants of health, interventions for cancer incidence reduction, or strategies for infectious disease reduction. Two more streams target small-scale projects to explore concepts of health and wellbeing within health systems and ways to support health care systems to support cultural and social determinants of health. Due 29 November, 2023.
- [MRFF Research Data Infrastructure Grant](#). To support strategic investments that establish and extend national research data infrastructure that supports health and medical research. Due December 1, 2023.
- **MRFF EPCDRI – 2023 Childhood mental health research grant opportunity**. To build knowledge of the factors that contribute to mental illness in children and keep children mentally healthy or to develop assessments, treatments, preventions or improve understanding of therapeutics for childhood mental illness and psychological distress. Due 27 March, 2024.
- **MRFF – EPCDRI &PHCRI – 2023 Multidisciplinary Models of Primary Care Grant Opportunity**, stream 1. To support a competitively selected primary care led national consortium that will focus on ways to think about primary care delivery through multidisciplinary team-based care. Applications or urban or a regional, rural and remote will be considered separately. Due 10 April, 2024.
- **MRFF – EPCDRI &PHCRI – 2023 Multidisciplinary Models of Primary Care Grant Opportunity**, stream 2. To prospectively evaluate patient registration and how effective it is in different settings. Applications or urban or a regional, rural and remote will be considered separately. Due 10 April, 2024.
- **MRFF – EPCDRI &PHCRI – 2023 Multidisciplinary Models of Primary Care Grant Opportunity**, stream 3. TO develop and implement collaborative consortia that uses existing data assets to inform value-based care, promote information sharing, empower patients, and drive insights for planning resourcing and continuous QI. Due 10 April, 2024
- **MRFF – EPCDRI &PHCRI – 2023 Multidisciplinary Models of Primary Care Grant Opportunity** streams 4. To develop and implement multidisciplinary collaborative, regional consortia that design, implement and evaluate system level reform strategies for local integration. Applications or urban or a regional, rural and remote will be considered separately. Due 7 August, 2024.

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!

UoW Rural Health Conference 2024

University of Wollongong Rural Health Research Conference 15 & 16 March, 2024.

Abstracts open now and close December 18. [Find out more here.](#)



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Improving the reporting of Primary Care Research: Consensus Reporting Items for Studies in Primary Care – the CRISP Statement](#). *Annals of Family Medicine*, October 2023.
- **Kimberley Norman** and team: [“Prescribing for the whole person”: A qualitative study exploring prescribing pharmacist views on type 2 diabetes management in New Zealand](#). *BMC Health Services Research*, October 2023.
- **Leah East** and team: