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# AAAPC News - May 2023

Hello everyone,

Winter is upon us! However, AAAPC is far from hibernating. Make sure not to miss any updates including:

- AAAPC member survey out now
- AAAPC23 Conference plenary speaker announcement, abstract updates, and scholarships
- Subcommittee updates
- AJPB call for papers: Access to primary care

And much more...

Happy reading!

## AAAPC Member Survey



AAAPC is a voluntary, member driven organisation. We want to be a leading academic primary care organisation that is engaging members.

Please take a moment to complete our [member survey](#) before June 11. The survey takes <5 minutes, and asks about your AAAPC experience so far, and how AAAPC can do better.

## AAAPC 2023 Annual Research Conference Updates

The theme for AAAPC's 2023 conference is *Strengthening Primary Care Research and Education: Networks, Collaborations and Infrastructure*.

The conference will take place from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, at Melbourne University. We cannot wait to see you all there for our first in person conference in three years!

### **Plenary Speaker: Professor Jon Emery**

Professor Jon Emery is the inaugural Herman Professor of Primary Care Cancer Research at the University of Melbourne, and the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Primary Care Research and Education Lead. He is an NHMRC Leadership Fellow and Director of the



Cancer Australia Primary Care Collaborative Cancer Clinical Trials Group (PC4). Following his medical training at Cambridge and Oxford he has pursued a career in academic primary care, initially at Oxford, where he obtained his DPhil on cancer risk assessment tools, then as a Clinician Scientist at Cambridge before taking up the Chair of General Practice at the University of Western Australia. His research has focused on the application of advances in genetic medicine, primary care oncology and the development and evaluation of complex interventions. Professor Emery is currently leading the development of the PARTNER national rural trials network, funded by the MRFF, and the establishment of the Melbourne Primary Care Trials Unit.

Professor Emery will be presenting a **plenary session on Practice Based Research Networks and data linkage opportunities** – a topic close to many AAAPC members' hearts and central to supporting high quality primary care research.



### **Abstract and Program updates**

Thank you to everyone who submitted an abstract for AAAPC23. It is fantastic to see such fantastic projects happening in primary care. Thank you also to all our volunteer abstract reviewers for taking the time to critically evaluate each abstract. **Successful abstracts will be announced Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have not heard about your abstract submission, please first check your spam email in spam email inbox, and then contact [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) if you have not received a notification.

### **Registrations Open**

Member registration for the conference 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 now before the prices go up!



### Scholarships for the conference

AAAPC is offering scholarships to cover annual membership and conference registration 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](#). Applications Close June 30.



### 2023 Annual General Meeting Reminder

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 [webpage](#).

### 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 policy fellowship opportunity with the Deeble Institute, Research interview participation call for health professionals who have had patients with head injuries, and an advertisement for a genomics workshop aimed at clinicians.

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:** met in late May to discuss ways in which AAAPC can ramp up advocacy for primary care research and education. During COVID-19 our political advocacy dropped, and we are now ready to re-engage. To start, the chair will be looking

to RACGP and ACTA to help support and advise on advocacy for a national practice based research network.

**Conference Subcommittee:** Has been meeting regularly to discuss conference dinner, keynote speakers and to finesse the conference programming. The committee is planning some small and fun surprises for attendees – we can't wait to share them with you in August!

**EMCA subcommittee:** is revamping the AAAPC mentoring program to connect early and mid career primary care academics. The program is expected to launch in the next two months 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)

**Education Subcommittee:** is preparing a white paper on the role of multidisciplinary team are in general practice to engage with educators and other primary care stakeholders. This subcommittee is also preparing for the Neil Carson Medal awards 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)

**ME subcommittee:** has revamped our new member welcome package and is running the member wide survey to ensure AAAPC can meet the needs of members, and to highlight opportunities for members to contribute to our volunteer organisation. You may have noticed the new AAAPC logos on our webpage, an activity this subcommittee worked hard on earlier this year. The new branding will be launched officially at the AAAPC23 conference.

## Upcoming Primary Care Opportunities

### Call for papers: Australian Journal of Primary Care Special Issue

AAAPC members are leading a special issue in the AJPH on *Access to Primary Health Care*. The special issue invites papers on access to health and social care services in community-based primary health care settings: the current status of access for people and communities, factors contributing to improved – or worsened – access, and ways to improve access. We are interested in diverse submissions including research reports, articles describing innovative practice or implementation of evidence, literature reviews, and forum articles that address important issues. Articles due by October 31, 2023.

You may send your abstract as an *expression of interest* by June 30 2023 to Dr Peart at [annette.peart@monash.edu](mailto:annette.peart@monash.edu) to confirm its suitability for the special issue. Find out

more [here](#).

### 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 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!

## 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.](#)



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Sibel Saya** and team: [The PRESIDE \(PhaRmacogEnomicS In DEpression\) Trial: a double-blind randomised controlled trial of pharmacogenomic-informed prescribing of antidepressants on depression outcomes in patients with major depressive disorder in primary care.](#) *Trials*, May 2023.
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Effectiveness, feasibility, and acceptability of behaviour change tools used by family doctors: a global systematic review.](#) *BJGP*, May 2023.
- **Katelyn Barnes** and team: [Low agreement among patients and clinicians about urgency and safety to wait for assessment in primary care after hours](#)

[medical care: results of cross-sectional matched surveys](#). *BMC Health Services Research*, May 2023.

- **Kirsty Douglas** and team: [Changes in general practice use and costs with COVID-19 and telehealth initiatives: analysis of Australian whole-population linked data](#). *BJGP*, April 2023.
- **Sharon James** and team: [Long-acting reversible contraception prescribing coverage by nurse practitioners and midwives in Australia](#). *Collegian*, May 2023.
- **Danielle Mazza** and team: [Pathways to IUD and implant insertion in general practice: a secondary analysis of the ACCORd study](#). *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, May 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!

Until next month,

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