Highlights from recent PCRN Events

PCRN Pre-Colloquium Workshop – Thursday 27th October 2016

Fifty three multi-disciplinary delegates from across Australia came together at the recent PCRN Workshop entitled ‘Analyse This!’. The Workshop was part of the 4th Australian Palliative Care Research Colloquium and was sponsored and facilitated by the PCRN. The Workshop was well received by delegates and provided insights from experienced researchers on the best strategies for collecting, organizing and analyzing both quantitative and qualitative datasets as well as a networking opportunity with senior palliative care clinicians and researchers.

The Workshop was opened by Soula Ganiatsas, the PCRN Program Manager. Highlights of the event included the following topics and presenters:

**Introduction to Quantitative Data Analysis**
*Presented by A/Prof Karla Gough* (Head of Applied Statistics, Department of Cancer Experiences Research, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC) & *Allison Drisdowsky* (Researcher, Department of Cancer Experiences Research, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC)

**Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis**
*Presented by A/Prof Jennifer Philip* (Co-Deputy Director, Centre for Palliative Care, St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne, VIC)

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Call for Suggestions for 2017 PCRN Forum Topics & Presenters

We are currently planning for PCRN Forums in 2017. If you have any suggestions on topics that you would like to be presented at the forums and/or speakers that you would like to hear from, please email your suggestions by **8 December 2016** to pcrn@svha.org.au with the subject ‘2017 PCRN Forum Topic Suggestion’.
This was followed by an ‘Early Career Researcher SOS’ session where three early career researchers took to the stage and presented their research ideas and questions and received advice from our expert panel. Topics and speakers included:

I want to develop a research idea: 'Requests for medical assistance in dying from palliative care patients'
Presented by Dr Danielle Ko (Palliative Care Registrar, Barwon Health & Honorary Palliative Care Fellow, Melbourne Health, VIC)

I want to develop an analysis plan/analyse my data: 'An exploration of health determinants and emergency department utilisation by ambulatory cancer patients'
Presented by Ms Polly Dufton (PhD Candidate, The University of Melbourne & Registered Nurse, Olivia Newton John Cancer, Research and Wellness Centre, VIC)

I want to write a paper: 'Living with Lung Transplantation: patient and carer reported outcomes and needs'
Presented by Dr Chi Li (Palliative Care Physician, Alfred Health and Ballarat Health Services, VIC)

The breakfast session wrapped up with a panel discussion/Q&A session with all of the speakers alongside A/Prof Clare O’Callaghan (Caritas Christi Hospice, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & Cabrini Health, VIC).
Call for Expressions of Interest to join the PCRN Research Advisory Group in 2017

The Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is calling for expressions of interest to join the PCRN Research Advisory Group (RAG). The primary function of the RAG is to assist the Network in its research endeavours, and may include, although not necessarily be limited to, involvement with the following activities:

- providing the Network with research advice and/or consultation as required;
- reviewing applications for scholarships, travel grants and small project grants;
- providing mentorship to early career researchers;
- involvement in PCRN Workshops and Forums;
- providing advice on key PCRN decisions and strategic direction;
- collaborating on grants with other PCRN members.

The Group is envisaged to comprise between 12-20 individuals from various disciplines, with varying skill sets and research experience.

Being a member of the PCRN RAG would allow you to expand your research network and collaborative ties. Your involvement with the RAG would be called upon only when required based on your expertise. Members of the RAG will convene annually over networking drinks and will be provided with an official letter of membership for their CV. This call for expressions of interest is currently only open to PCRN members in the first instance (after which it will be made open to the wider community).

If you are interested in being considered as a future member of the PCRN RAG, please submit a brief CV, and a brief cover letter outlining how your skillset would benefit PCRN activities, to pcrnv@svha.org.au by 23 January 2017.

Useful Resources in Palliative Care Research

Please find below a sample list of useful resources which you can subscribe to in order to keep up with the latest palliative care news and publications on evidence-based palliative care research.

- **Media Watch**, created and distributed by Barry R. Ashpole – to subscribe email: barryashpole@bell.net
- **E-Hospice** – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).
- **Briefings in Palliative, Hospice, and Pain Medicine & Management** – to subscribe to table of contents go to the [website](#).
- **CareSearch** palliative care knowledge network – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).
- **All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AllHPC)** – to subscribe to mailing list go to the [website](#).
## Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2016 / 2017

### PCRN Small Project Grants 2017
Further details to follow – please keep a lookout on the PCRN website

### Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grants
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 1 March 2017

### Australian Research Council (ARC) Early Career Researcher Award
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 22 March 2017

### Cancer Australia: Supporting People With Cancer Grant Initiative
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 16 November 2016

### Department of Health: Dementia and Aged Care Services Research & Innovation Funding
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 20 December 2016

### Hitachi Social Innovation Awards
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 16 November 2016

### James N Kirby Foundation – Small Grants
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 28 February 2017

### John T Reid Charitable Trust
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: January 2017 (TBC)

### Melbourne University Engagement Grants (various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 8 March 2017

### Melbourne Clinical & Translational Sciences (MCATS)
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 1 December 2016

### National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – Practitioner Fellowships
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 1 February 2017

### National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – Early Career Fellowships
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 1 March 2017

### Perpetual Trustees – IMPACT Grants
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 2 December 2016

### Sir Edward Dunlop Foundation
For more information visit the [website](#)  
Closing Date: 3rd week in January 2017 (TBC)
Recent Publications Relevant to PCRN Members

In each edition we will feature some recently published articles relevant to PCRN members. If you have published in a peer reviewed journal recently and the subject matter is relevant to the PCRN community, or if you come across key publications that foster evidence based palliative care, please email pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject ‘PCRN Newsletter’ and we will feature the publications in an upcoming edition.


# Upcoming Conferences

## International

6th International Seminar of the European Palliative Care Research Centre (PRC) and European Palliative Care Research Network (EAPC RN)

**Dates:** December 1-3, 2016  
**Location:** Banff, Canada  
[Website]

24th International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPCON)

**Dates:** February 10-12, 2017  
**Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India  
[Website]

2017 Compassionate Communities Symposium

**Dates:** February 20-21, 2017  
**Location:** Sydney, Australia  
[Website]

2017 Annual Assembly - American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) & Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA)

**Dates:** February 22-25, 2017  
**Location:** Phoenix, Arizona, USA  
[Website]

## National

8th Annual Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) Research Forum

**Date:** March 2, 2017  
**Location:** Sydney, Australia  
[Website]

16th Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education (CPCRE) Annual Research Conference

**Date:** March 24, 2017  
**Location:** Brisbane QLD, Australia  
[Website]

### State (VIC)

3rd Victorian Integrated Cancer Services (VICS) Conference

**Dates:** May 11-12, 2017  
**Location:** Melbourne VIC, Australia  
[Website]
Membership

The PCRN now has 236 registered members from around Australia and other countries such as Hong Kong, India, Malawi, Norway, the UK and USA. Individuals with a genuine interest in palliative care research may become individual members of the PCRN. Membership is free and some of the *key benefits* of membership include:

- An opportunity to network and collaborate with other palliative care researchers through PCRN seminars and forums;
- Apply for a range of PCRN funding including: PhD scholarship, project and travel grants;
- Assistance in developing your research idea into a grant proposal via attendance at PCRN Concept Development Workshops;
- Opportunities to provide mentorship to junior researchers.

*Please note that even though membership is open to everyone, some resources and funding may be restricted to Victorian residents only.*

To formalise your membership, please complete the online form on the PCRN website.

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**Progression of PCRN membership increase in the period of Oct 2013 - Oct 2016**

Total membership on 31 Oct 2016: 236

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**Forward e-news to a friend!**

Please forward this newsletter to friends or colleagues interested in palliative care research. They can also sign up for free membership.

**Contribute to the PCRN e-News**

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