



e-News

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About the PCRN

The purpose of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is to develop a platform for sustainable research collaboration. The PCRN is currently funded by the Victorian Cancer Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria, Australia. The Centre for Palliative Care (a Collaborative Centre of St Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne) is the administering organization.

Call for Suggestions for Nov 2017 PCRN Forum Topics & Presenters

We are currently planning for a PCRN Forum on 30 November 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 **28 July 2017** to pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject '2017 Nov PCRN Forum Topic/Speaker Suggestion'.

Highlights from recent PCRN Event

PCRN Forum – Wednesday 1st March 2017

Ms Sasha Petrova (Assistant Editor – Health and Medicine, The Conversation, VIC) presented at the recent PCRN Forum entitled “*Communicating research to a lay audience*” on 1st March 2017. At the Forum, Sasha guided the audience on how they could communicate their research in a language understandable to someone who doesn't work in the field and explained the process of how they edit articles at The Conversation – the structure, the news pyramid and jargon busting – to maximize the chance of reaching a much wider audience than that of academic journals.

An audio recording of the Forum presentation is now available – please click on the image below to listen to Sasha's presentation. A PDF copy of the presentation is also available for download [here](#).



Introducing Members of the PCRN Research Advisory Group 2017

We are pleased to announce that the following distinguished individuals will serve as members of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) Research Advisory Group for 2017.

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.

We look forward to collaborating with them in the near future.

Members	Affiliation	Main Area(s) of Expertise
Dr Jennifer Weil	St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	Palliative Care - clinical and research
Prof Jennifer Philip	Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC)	Palliative Care - clinical and research
Prof David Kissane	Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University	Psychiatry, Psycho-oncology and palliative care - clinical and research, human research ethics, mentorship
A/Prof Moira O'Connor	Curtin University	Psychological and Psychosocial aspects of cancer and palliative care, Speech pathology, Qualitative and Quantitative Research, mentorship
Dr Ann Dadich	School of Business, Western University Sydney	Health Service Management, human research ethics, mentorship
Dr Deborah Lawson	McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer, Cancer Council Victoria , and Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	End of Life Law and Policy
Dr Robyn O'Halloran	St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	Speech Pathology - clinical and research
Ms Fiona Wiseman	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Psychosocial Care, Social Work (oncology, palliative care)
Mrs Voula Kallianis	Caritas Christi Hospice	Social Work - research, community support, mental health, working with complex families and individuals
Ms Ronna Moore	Eastern Palliative Care	Massage Therapy, Lymphoedema
Tafireyi Marukutira	Burnet Institute and Monash University	Public Health Programs, HIV care

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 (AIHPC)** – to subscribe to mailing list go to the [website](#).

Applications for PCRN Travel Grants are now open

If you are a PCRN member and would like to apply for a Travel Grant to attend a palliative care research conference, you may be eligible to apply for travel funding of up to \$1,500.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a PCRN Travel Grant you must:

- be a PCRN member
- have an abstract accepted for presentation at the meeting (either oral or poster)
- the maximum claim for travel within Australia is \$750*
- the maximum claim for travel overseas is \$1,500*

** Please note that PCRN will reimburse grant holders after the event and that amounts can change without notice.*

Guidelines

A selection panel will consider all eligible applications.

PCRN will notify successful applicants by June 30th 2017.

How to Apply

Please send an electronic copy of the application form and a one page CV to pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject line “**PCRN Travel Grant Application**”.

Download the application form [here](#)

Applications close: Friday, 9th June 2017.

Applications for PCRN Small Project Grants Initiative are now open

The PCRN is committed to establishing a small project grant funding scheme to support early career researchers in the field of cancer and palliative care research. As Victoria's state-wide Palliative Care Research Network, the PCRN provides both academic leadership and collegial support. In so doing the PCRN will assist with capacity building of the future cancer and palliative care research workforce and enable Victorians to receive world's best practice cancer and palliative care.

PCRN Small Project Grants up to a value of \$25,000 will be offered in 2017 for projects of 12 months duration.

These grants aim to enhance and develop palliative care and cancer research capacity within Victoria by providing:

- seed funding for projects or funding for small/pilot projects whose results can be utilised as the basis for future large funding applications to external granting bodies;
- funding for researchers who have previously not been active in research or who are at an early stage in their research career;
- funding for research that will result in the submission of a manuscript or manuscripts for publication;
- funding to support cross collaborative research and research involving collaborations with partners.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a PCRN Small Project Grant:

- The applicant must be a PCRN member;
- The majority of the research funded must be completed within Victoria and;
- The applicant must be based at a Victorian organisation (co-investigators and/or collaborators may work interstate or internationally).

Guidelines

Please refer to the following funding *Guidelines, Instructions for Applicants and Application Form*:

- [PCRN Small Project Grants Guidelines](#)
- [PCRN Small Project Grants Instructions for Applicants](#)
- [PCRN Small Project Grants Application Form](#)

Funding Timetable

Funding round announced	16/01/ 2017
Applications open	16/01/ 2017
Closing date for applications	14/04/ 2017
Evaluation Panel meets to review applications	08/05/2017
Decision & recommendation by PCRN Advisory Committee	19/ 05/ 2017
Advice to Applicants	02/ 06/ 2017
Project Funding Start Date	01/07/2017

How to Apply

Please send an electronic copy of the application form and a one page CV to pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject line "PCRN Small Project Grant Application".

Applications close: Friday, 14th April 2017.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2017

PCRN Small Project Grants 2017

For more information visit the [PCRN website](#)
Closing date: 14 April 2017

PCRN Travel Grants 2017

For more information visit the [PCRN website](#)
Closing date: 9 June 2017

Heart Foundation – Vanguard Grants

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 3 May 2017

NIB Foundation

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 31 May 2017

Jack Brockhoff Foundation – Early Career Research Grants

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 31 July 2017

Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 31 May 2017

Lung Foundation Australia

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: various

Victorian Medical Research Acceleration Fund

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 14 April 2017

MS Research Australia

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: various

Viertel Charitable Foundation – Senior Medical Research Fellowships

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 28 April 2017

National Breast Cancer Foundation

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: various

Viertel Charitable Foundation – Clinical Investigator Awards

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing Date: 28 April 2017

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.

Dwyer J, Taylor K & Boughey M (2017). Survivorship of severe medically unexplained symptoms in palliative care. *BMJ Support Palliat Care*. doi: 10.1136/bmjspcare-2016-001294. [Epub ahead of print].

François K, Lobb E, Barclay S & Forbat L (2017) The nature of conflict in palliative care: A qualitative exploration of the experiences of staff and family members. *Patient Educ Couns*. doi: 10.1016/j.pec.2017.02.019. [Epub ahead of print].

Roeland EJ (2017) Tailoring Palliative Care to the Changing Needs of People Facing Cancer (Editorial). *J Clin Oncol*. doi:10.1200/JCO.2016.71.2174. [Epub ahead of print].

Roque GB, et. al. for the Patient Care Connect Group (2017) Resource Use and Medicare Costs During Lay Navigation for Geriatric Patients with Cancer. *JAMA Oncology*. doi:10.1001/jamaoncol.2016.6307. [Epub ahead of print].

Singh S, Cortez D, Maynard D, Cleary JF, DuBenske L & Campbell TC (2017) Characterizing the Nature of Scan Results Discussions: Insights into Why Patients Misunderstand Their Prognosis. *J Oncol Pract*. doi:10.1200/JOP.2016.014621. [Epub ahead of print].

Spilsbury K, Rosenwax L, Arendts G & Semmens JB (2017) The Association of Community-Based Palliative Care with Reduced Emergency Department Visits in the Last Year of Life Varies by Patient Factors. *Annals Emergency Med*. doi:10.1016/j.annemergmed.2016.11.036. [Epub ahead of print].

Temel JS et. al. (2016) Effects of Early Integrated Palliative Care in Patients with Lung and GI Cancer: A Randomized Clinical Trial. *J Clin Oncol*. doi:10.1200/JCO.2016.70.5046. [Epub ahead of print].

Upcoming Conferences

International

12th Annual Conference on Palliative and End of Life Care

Dates: May 5, 2017

Location: Toronto, Canada

[\[Website\]](#)

15th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)

Dates: May 18-20, 2017

Location: Madrid, Spain

[\[Website\]](#)

2017 International Death, Grief & Bereavement Conference

Dates: June 5-7, 2017

Location: Wisconsin, USA

[\[Website\]](#)

19th International Conference on End of Life Care

Dates: June 18-19, 2017

Location: Dubai, UAE

[\[Website\]](#)

2017 MASCC/ ISOO Annual Meeting on Supportive Care in Cancer

Dates: June 22-24, 2017

Location: Washington DC, USA

[\[Website\]](#)

19th International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) World Congress of Psycho-Oncology

Dates: August 14-18, 2017

Location: Berlin, Germany

[\[Website\]](#)

2nd National Symposium for Academic Palliative Care Education & Research

Dates: September 28-29, 2017

Location: San Diego CA, USA

[\[Website\]](#)

2017 Marie Curie Annual Palliative Care Research Conference

Dates: October 6, 2017

Location: London, UK

[\[Website\]](#)

National

SAVE THE DATES

5th Australian Palliative Care Research Colloquium

Dates: October 26-27, 2017

Location: Melbourne VIC, Australia

Further details to follow – please keep a look-out on the Centre for Palliative Care [website](#)

An exciting PCRN Workshop is also planned at the Colloquium – more details to follow in the next PCRN e-news and please keep a look-out on the PCRN [website](#)

2017 Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: May 10-12, 2017

Location: Rotorua, NZ

[\[Website\]](#)

14th Australian Palliative Care Conference

Dates: September 6-8, 2017

Location: Adelaide, Australia

[\[Website\]](#)

44th Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: November 13-15, 2017

Location: Sydney, Australia

[\[Website\]](#)

State (VIC)

3rd Victorian Integrated Cancer Services (VICS) Conference

Dates: May 11-12, 2017

Location: Melbourne VIC, Australia

[\[Website\]](#)

Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) Leadership Development Program

Dates: July 26-28 & August 24-25, 2017

Location: Melbourne VIC, Australia

[\[Website\]](#)

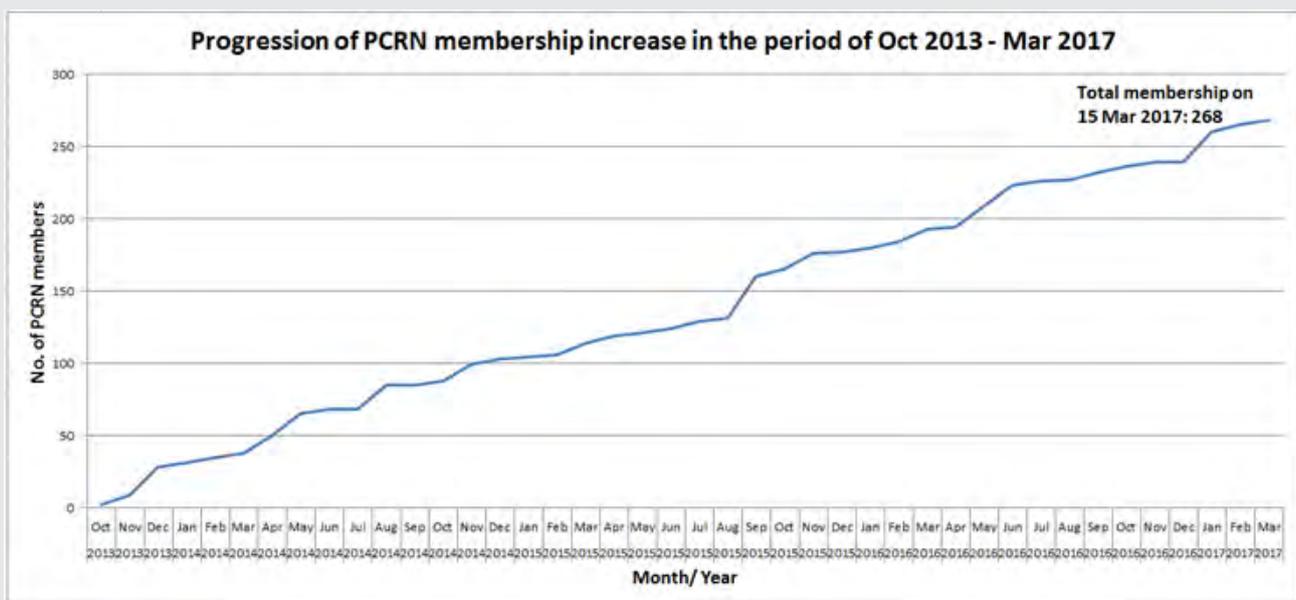
Membership

The PCRN now has 268 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.



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

If your work is relevant to the PCRN community, please email pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject 'PCRN e-News submission' and we will feature your article or publication in an upcoming edition.

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