

2025 FPM SPRING MEETING

Treating the
whole pain patient24–26 October 2025,
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA

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Program

Thursday 23 October

1–4pm	Supervisors of training (SOT) workshop	
1–1.05pm	Welcome	Dr Andrew Huang, Convenor
1.05–3pm	Facilitating learning in clinical settings 2 (from the ANZCA Educators Program)	Dr Tim Brake & Ms Kristi Mungure, ANZCA Educators Program facilitators
3–3.15pm	Afternoon tea	
3.15–4pm	Training program changes for 2026	
	Scholar role activities	Dr Supriya Chowdhury, Lead Scholar Role Working Group (recorded update)
	New Foundations MCQ exam	Dr Donald Johnstone, Chair Foundations MCQ Working Group
	By-law changes	Dr Melissa Viney, Director Professional Affairs FPM Education
4pm	Workshop concludes	
1–4pm	Regional and national committee forum	

Friday 24 October

From 7.30am	Workshop registration	
8.30–10.30am	Opioid-induced ventilatory impairment (OIVI) workshop 1	Facilitators: Professor Pam Macintyre and Dr Meredith Daff
	Acute severe behavioural disturbance (ASBD) workshop 1	Facilitators: Dr Tor Ercleve, Dr Benedict Tan and Jacinda Smits
10.30–11am	Morning tea	
11am–1pm	Opioid-induced ventilatory impairment (OIVI) workshop 2	Facilitators: Professor Pam Macintyre and Dr Meredith Daff
	Acute severe behavioural disturbance (ASBD) workshop 2	Facilitators: Dr Tor Ercleve, Dr Benedict Tan and Jacinda Smits
12.30–1.30pm	Registration and lunch	
1.30–1.45pm	Welcome from FPM Dean – Dr Dilip Kapur Welcome to Country Welcome from convenor – Dr David Holthouse	

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1.45–3.15pm	Session 1	Chair: Dr Dana Weber
	Workers' compensation patients using the WISE/Australia Post protocol	Professor Michael Nicholas
	Evidence based use of psychology in the chronic pain patient	Dr Robert Schutze
	The use of scrambler therapy in the chronic pain patient	Dr Murray Taverner and Dr Surabhi Gupta
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
3.15–3.45pm	Afternoon tea	
3.45–5.15pm	Session 2: Researching the whole pain patient	Chair: Associate Professor Jennifer Stevens
	The spread of CRPS symptoms including to cranial nerves	Dr Philip Finch
	Paediatric pain studies at Perth Children's Hospital	Associate Professor David Sommerfield
	Paediatric pain consumer engagement	Dr Megan Dodd
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
5.15–6.45pm	Welcome reception – Poolside, Esplanade Hotel	

Saturday 25 October

9–10.30am	Session 3	Chair: Dr David Holthouse
	The treatment of obesity and its application to chronic pain	Dr Imran Badshah
	The role of rehabilitation principles in the management of pain patients	Dr Chris Martin
	The role of the programmer in the multidisciplinary team	Ashley Paulin, Ena Cup and Paula Ovalle
	Why hasn't WISE and Australia Post data been taken up more widely by the Workers Compensation system?	Discussion with Professor Michael Nicholas
10.30–11am	Morning tea	
11am–12.30pm	Session 4	Chair: Dr Rajiv Menon
	The use of physical therapy in chronic pain	Dr Michelle Du Plessis
	Palliative care and its role in chronic pain	Dr Jonathan Ramachenderan
	The use of ketamine infusions in chronic pain	Dr Murray Taverner
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
12.30–1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30–3pm	Session 5	Chair: Dr Jenny Morgan
	The psychiatry of chronic pain	Dr Peter Melvill-Smith
	CRPS: Assessing permanent impairment	Dr Tareq Batanony
	The role of naltrexone in chronic patients with fibromyalgia	Dr Surabhi Gupta
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
3–3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30–5pm	Session 6	Chair: Professor Michael Veltman
	Chronic pain in the emergency department	Dr Hassan Zahoor
	Topical medication experience for chronic pain	Tony Accordino
	The role of early management of workers' compensation in chronic pain	Professor Michael Nicholas
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
6.30–10pm	Meeting dinner – WA Maritime Museum Fremantle	

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Sunday 26 October

9-10.30am	Session 7	Chair: Dr Leinani Aiono-Le Tagaloa
	Use of PRP in chronic pain	Dr Max Majedi
	The role of botox in chronic pain	Dr Jie Xu
	Shifting gears: From intensity to intention in pain rehab	Jennie Caldwell
	Q&A/Discussion panel	
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	Session 8: Are public pain clinics losing their relevance	Chair: Dr Alireza Feizerfan
	Challenges with public pain	Dr Irina Hollington
	Challenges with private pain	Dr David Holthouse
	Challenges with procedural pain training	Associate Professor Mick Vagg
12.30pm	Close of meeting and lunch	