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Two new leaders for ANZCA and FPM

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and its Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) have announced two key leadership appointments.

Professor David Story, Foundation Chair of Anaesthesia at the University of Melbourne; and head of the university's Department of Critical Care, is the new president of ANZCA.

Dr Dilip Kapur, a specialist pain medicine physician from Adelaide, is the new dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine.

The appointments were confirmed at the FPM Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 5 May and the ANZCA Annual General Meeting on Monday 6 May.

Professor Story is a specialist anaesthetist at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne where he provides perioperative care for most procedural specialties including liver transplantation. He was first elected to the ANZCA Council in 2020 and is a former chair of the college's Safety and Quality Committee. He was appointed vice-president in 2022.

Professor Story is a strong advocate for the emerging discipline of perioperative medicine with the aim of reducing perioperative risk and complications for patients. He has played a key role in the development of the new ANZCA Course in Perioperative Medicine and is recognised as a leader in research in anaesthesia and perioperative medicine.

Dr Kapur has held key FPM positions including vice-dean. He joined the FPM Board in 2022, having previously served as an elected member of the board from 2013-2015. He served as faculty assessor from 2014 – 2018. He is a past chair of the FPM Training and Assessment Executive Committee.

Dr Kapur has extensive experience as a pain medicine physician. He has a special interest in the provision of pain management services to rural communities and First Nations' health and is committed to ensuring equitable access to pain treatment in Australia and New Zealand.

Professor Story and Dr Kapur will be supported by ANZCA Vice-President Dr Tanya Selak, an anaesthetist from Wollongong, and FPM Vice-Dean Dr Leinani Salamasina Aiono-Le-Tagaloa, a Samoan specialist pain medicine physician from Auckland who is the first and most senior Indigenous doctor to have attained such a position in ANZCA.

All appointments run for two years.

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