Autumn is upon us and some of you may already miss the sun (perhaps those of you who reside in Victoria), so why not head to Adelaide? As every year at the beginning of autumn we can look forward to the APS Scientific Meeting. If you have not registered yet, please click on the link to view the program, Adelaide is surrounded by the countries best wine regions, offers stunning beaches, walking and cycling tracks and Australia’s first ever aerial park. So why not spend a few days before or after the meeting in beautiful South Australia. You may also be interested in linking 2 scientific meetings and head to Adelaide a little earlier to attend the Neuromodulation Society ANZ Annual Meeting. The APS scientific meeting offers excellent Pre-Conference workshops as well as an excellent social program.

The APS is keen to engage members via the hashtag #auspain2017 during the conference, and is looking for volunteers to support social media involvement at the conference, as well thereafter. No experience needed! Please register your expression of interest with the APS Secretariat.

In our section on recent publications, APS members Simon Holliday, Chris Hayes and colleagues explored the potential effects of a brief training program for early career general practitioners on opioid prescribing. Published in PAIN, it highlights the complexity of treating patients with non-malignant chronic pain and suggested that reducing opioid prescribing may require more than changing attitudes and knowledge.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide and sincerely hope you can make it! See you soon!

Christin Bird
Assistant Editor
As this is my last report as President of your Society I would like to thank everyone for having provided me this opportunity “to make a difference”. Too much can’t be said for the awesome contributions from my fellow directors who continue to give their time freely and willingly, our Secreatariat at DC Conferences especially project officer Tracy Hallen, and the many members who’ve made contributions to our regular monthly Newsletter and to the range of activities that your Australian Pain Society undertakes. Of course the impact that the ‘job requirements’ has on one’s family cannot be under-recognised. Thank you Amanda!

As President Kennedy once said “ask not what your Society can do for you, but you can do for your Society”.

At our Adelaide ASM I will be handing over to President-Elect Fiona Hodson who has been agitating to slot into this role for a while! She brings a nursing leadership perspective to the Board and has gained great experience working with Commonwealth and NSW Government levels on numerous projects.

I would like to offer some challenging notes as I step down. I offer this from my perspective in community private practice in Canberra in a multidisciplinary clinic operating in an interdisciplinary manner. I have also had an 18 year affiliation with the public pain clinic at the Canberra hospital. I have attended many conferences over many years, and will continue to do so, keeping abreast of the progress made in this wonderfully exciting multidimensional pain field. These notes have been strengthened and not diminished by this great opportunity I have had to be more closely involved with the development and progression of the broader aspects of pain and its management as President of your Society.

- We should diminish our focus on neuropathic pain, with the only drugs that are specific for it being sodium channel blockers (not the gabapentinoids, nor tapentadol, nor duloxetine etc). We should instead focus on the challenging pain experiences that occur as a result of the neurophysiological “central sensitisation and hypersensitivity and amplification and loss of inhibition” which is where the aforementioned widely used medications, and many others including opiates, operate. Our therapeutic efforts whether they be pharmacological, physical, psychological, educative, or interventional are all aiming to reduce the “volume” of pain transmission i.e. central sensitisation mechanisms.

- I can’t help but see that the multidimensional management of multifactorial pain that we commonly advocate for in the Australian Pain Society is skewed by the preponderance of research and clinical work occurring in largely hospital-based pain centres and pain clinics.

Caught at ASEAPS 2017 Yangon, Myanmar to advertise the next ASEAPS 2019 meeting to be held in the land of the Orangutan, the location being Kuching in Borneo, Malaysia.
I have seen over many years that the more challenging and complex patients that are seen in these Pain Clinics and Pain Centres (is it 2-5%, but maybe should be 20%, of patients seeking help for their persistent pain in our communities?) is not very representative of the (other 80%) of patients that frequent my, and others that I have visited in many places around the world, community practice.

When I look to apply multiple disciplines to my patients in private practice it is all too frequent that such a complex, time-consuming, and expensive approach is not relevant to the majority of patients that I see, on a daily basis, and have for many years.

However, without doubt it is most important that we continue to research, educate, and advocate for all of our health professional colleagues to be more widely skilled in assessing the illness to which pain can contribute. This would hopefully steer people into available, affordable and effective adjunctive appropriate therapy channels whether or not that referring health professional has themselves something specific to offer biologically, leading to improved 'self-management'.

As health professionals we should never forget that it is the “bio” that we have been educated in, trained for, and treat. And we are using the ‘bio’ when we employ ‘top-down’ ‘brain’-based therapies, physical therapies, pharmacological therapies, surgery, and interventional techniques. The art, science and responsibility of our work is determining with our patient what is most relevant and pragmatic for them by us being well-informed across all disciplines.

Is there a ‘2-speed pain system’? Would it be easier to ‘sell’ our product if we rename ourselves the ‘Australian Complex-Pain Society’? It is not often that the subject matter of our discussions is of a very localised identifiable nature.....not every migraineur, not every football injury, and not every coronary occlusion requires a multi-disciplinary pain approach, although some certainly might when they become ‘more complex’.

From Weiner at al, Pain Medicine December 2016 (Deconstructing Chronic Low Back Pain in Older Adults: Summary Recommendations): “We advocate an analytic approach to what is often regarded as a medical monolith in order to discover specific remediable targets for treatment. Especially in chronic pain, the black box usually contains not only anatomic and physical generators, but also psychological amplifiers such as depression, anxiety, dysfunctional beliefs, and sleep disorders. Each patient represents a specific constellation of syndrome generators and amplifiers, so that identifying the patient-specific targets for treatment spares patients the burdens and risks of misdirected treatments. As the algorithms demonstrate, we do not completely reject steroid injections and opioid prescribing; we advocate discriminating use in circumstances in which safety concerns are outweighed by a likelihood of benefit. Treatment targeted precisely to the identified components of the syndrome is likely to be both more effective and less fraught with risk. Because these targets for treatment interact through bidirectional cause-and-effect pathways to create and sustain the syndrome, effectively treating even a few components may implode the entire interdependent complex of symptoms.”

I look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide at yet another exciting APS ASM, our 37th!

“...the end is always followed by the beginning...”

Ciao!

Geoffrey Speldewinde
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The Albury Wodonga Private Hospital once again held its annual pain education day at the Commercial Club in Albury. Attendees included 95 nurses from Albury, Wodonga, Sydney, Wagga, Shepparton, Wangaratta, and Bendigo.

The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) 2017 Global Year Against Pain After Surgery (launched on 19 January 2017 in Washington DC) was the focus for this education day initiative to enable better management and awareness of pain after surgery.

Globally, pain persists after one in four or five operations. Severe pain immediately after an operation is one risk factor for acute pain to become chronic. It is therefore extremely important to educate nurses and allied health professionals about the latest treatment options for pain after surgery and to help prevent persistent pain.

The day included presentations relating to Pain After Surgery from guest speakers including:

- Professor Stephan Schug, Professor and Chair of Anaesthesiology Department of Pharmacology, Pharmacy and Anaesthesiology, University of Western Australia and Director of Pain Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital
- Trudy Maunsell, Clinical Nurse Consultant (Acute Pain) Princess Alexandra Hospital, Woolloongabba, Queensland
- Dr Graham Libreri: Anaesthetist, Albury, NSW
- Danielle Whitty: Physiotherapist, Health Focus Physiotherapy (Albury/ Wodonga)
- Lisa Gephart (Acute Pain CNC North East Health Wangaratta)
- Pamela Goldspink and Kim O’Brien (Albury Wodonga Private Hospital)

Pamela Goldspink, CNS Acute Pain Service, from the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital has organised the Global Pain Education day for the past 10 years.

Next year the education day focus is on Excellence in Pain Education.
Objective
We aimed to evaluate the effect of pain education on opioid prescribing by early-career general practitioners.

Methods
A brief training workshop was delivered to general practice registrars of a single regional training provider. The workshop significantly reduced “hypothetical” opioid prescribing (in response to paper-based vignettes) in an earlier evaluation. The effect of the training on “actual” prescribing was evaluated using a nonequivalent control group design nested within the Registrar Clinical Encounters in Training (ReCEnT) cohort study: 4 other regional training providers were controls. In ReCEnT, registrars record detailed data (including prescribing) during 60 consecutive consultations, on 3 occasions. Analysis was at the level of individual problem managed, with the primary outcome factor being prescription of an opioid analgesic and the secondary outcome being opioid initiation.

Results
Between 2010 and 2015, 168,528 problems were recorded by 849 registrars. Of these, 71% were recorded by registrars in the non-training group. Eighty-two percentages were before training. Opioid analgesics were prescribed in 4382 (2.5%, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 2.40-2.63) problems, with 1665 of these (0.97%, 95% CI: 0.91-1.04) representing a new prescription. There was no relationship between the training and total prescribing after training (interaction odds ratio: 1.01; 95% CI: 0.75-1.35; P value 0.96). There was some evidence of a reduction in initial opioid prescriptions in the training group (interaction odds ratio: 0.74; 95% CI: 0.48-1.16; P value 0.19).

Conclusions
This brief training package failed to increase overall opioid cessation. The inconsistency of these actual prescribing results with “hypothetical” prescribing behavior suggests that reducing opioid prescribing in chronic non-cancer pain requires more than changing knowledge and attitudes.

Declaration
Both Simon Holliday and Chris Hayes have nothing to declare.
SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome submissions, whether brief or extended, about matters of interest to our readers - for example, reports of educational activities or articles about basic science or clinical research. Please allow time for modifications to be made to optimise a submission’s suitability for publication. In general it will be unlikely that a submission received after the 15th of each month will be published in the newsletter of the following month.

Stephanie Davies, Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

will be held at the Annual Scientific Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45am in Room L3, Ground Level, West Entrance on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

A General Business Meeting (GBM) will immediately follow the AGM.

Breakfast will be served at this meeting.

To assist with catering, we request that you indicate your attendance when you register. If your choice changes, please contact the Conference Secretariat.

The AGM Information Pack was emailed to members and includes:

- Notice of AGM
- AGM Agenda
- Minutes from previous AGM and GBM
- Office Bearer Nominee Information
- Proxy Form

If you are unable to attend the AGM please send your

- Apology and
- Proxy form

to the Secretariat by 5pm Tuesday 4th April 2017.
CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE PART OF THE #auspain2017 Twitter Team

We are looking forward to the upcoming APS ASM in Adelaide.

We are keen to increase the Twitter engagement via our hashtag: #auspain2017 and welcome everyone to tweet and/or follow the hashtag during the meeting.

This year we are also looking to recruit a formal Twitter Team to tweet during the conference, no Twitter experience necessary (in fact this might be a great opportunity to learn how to use Twitter.)

If you are interested in being a part of the volunteer #auspain2017 Twitter Team, please contact Tracy Hallen at the APS Secretariat aps@apsoc.org.au by Thursday 23 March 2017.

Twitter Team members will be provided with some basic instructions and suggestions on how to maximize tweeting at the conference.

Prizes will be offered!

Be sure to look out for our “Twitter Wall” in the Exhibition Hall.

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health are conducting an online study that is looking at pain following stroke (Stroke Laterality Study: Recognising left from right arms by individuals with stroke). They need as many people as possible to participate, regardless of pain history or stroke. If you can spare around 15 minutes to participate they’d greatly appreciate it. If you can also forward info to anyone who may also like to participate, even better (particularly if they have a history of chronic pain, OR have had a stroke). The more numbers in each group, the more power!

Participants will be guided through a questionnaire, looking at beliefs and perceptions, pain symptoms and more, before then completing some interactive tasks looking at laterality recognition abilities of the hand and shoulder. Results will be used in developing targeted interventions for the stroke population with pain including education, sensory and imagery strategies.

To participate, simply go to http://research.noigroup.com/?_p=stls

To forward to others, copy the link above, and paste it into as many emails as possible!

If you would like more details about the study, please contact one of the researchers, Brendon Haslam at haslam.b@florey.edu.au

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**Where:** Adelaide Convention Centre, SA  
**Cost:** $180 per person – **Standard Registration**  
**Deadline:** 7 April 2017

This workshop is aimed at anyone with an interest in acute pain management. Attendees have the option to register for a half-day if they prefer.

To register or for further information please visit,  
This year the Pain in Childhood Pre-Conference Workshop has evolved to a full day programme. The morning session will focus on complex and chronic pain.

The afternoon session will cover acute and procedural pain.

Attendees have the option to register for a half-day if they prefer.

We are excited to be able to conclude the day with a 90min workshop by local procedural hypnosis expert Dr Allan Cyna. It will be a stimulating day for experienced practitioners as well as those new to paediatric pain.

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The workshop will aim to present current basic pain research in Australia and provide evidence of its importance for our understanding of mechanism underlying nociception. Area experts will provide latest research in areas such as impact of the immune system on nociceptive processing, role of the spinal cord in processing of nociceptive information, how we might be able to measure pain, how toxins can be used to treat pain and what the difference is between pain in internal organs and the rest of the body. In addition the presentations will introduce latest research techniques ranging from deep sequencing and optogenetics to comprehensive analysis of animal behaviour.

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When: Sunday 9 April 2017, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm
Where: Adelaide Convention Centre, SA
Cost: $135 per person – Standard Registration Deadline: 7 April 2017

This workshop will equip participants with the basic knowledge of pain neurobiology, psychology and therapeutic agents, using an interactive case study and multimedia. This workshop is aimed at all allied health and general practitioners, or anyone wishing to update their knowledge on the pathophysiology and treatment of pain.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PHARMACOLOGY IN PAIN MANAGEMENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

When: Sunday 9 April 2017, 1.15 pm – 5.00 pm
Where: Adelaide Convention Centre, SA
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The aim of the Pharmacological Management in Pain half-day workshop is to make a significant contribution to the optimisation of pain treatment by bringing experts together to discuss the latest scientific findings within the pain management clinical pharmacology field. The target audience for this workshop consists of clinical pharmacologists, pharmacists, industry researchers, pain specialists, paediatricians, clinical nurse consultants, government representatives and other experts with an interest in clinical pharmacology.

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Where: Adelaide Convention Centre, SA
Cost: $135 per person – Standard Registration Deadline: 7 April 2017

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- Pain Series
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- ANZCA/FPM Free Opioid Calculator App

- Stanford University
  CHOIR Collaborative Health Outcomes Information Registry: [https://choir.stanford.edu/](https://choir.stanford.edu/)

- Global Year Against Pain After Surgery

- Opioid Podcasts for GPs

- Pain Management Videos
  Dr Stephanie Davies shares pain management information in these 2 videos: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-i7CCSLm-fM&index=5&list=PLGsL0Kp0YWFuLyki1oCG7NwFucLFyVLJ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-i7CCSLm-fM&index=5&list=PLGsL0Kp0YWFuLyki1oCG7NwFucLFyVLJ) and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7pieBZ5X_4&index=4&list=PLGsL0Kp0YWFuLyki1oCG7NwFucLFyVLJ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7pieBZ5X_4&index=4&list=PLGsL0Kp0YWFuLyki1oCG7NwFucLFyVLJ)

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• Managing chronic pain videos with Dr Malcolm Hogg: http://www.nps.org.au/conditions/nervous-system-problems/pain/for-individuals/pain-conditions/chronic-pain/for-individuals/pain-management


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• Our next conference will use the Twitter hashtag: #auspain2017
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Thank you for your continued support and membership of the APS.

Please note:

1. We understand that circumstances change, so each year we ask you to select your appropriate level of membership.

2. This system of self-reporting subscription levels was implemented in 2009 for the benefit and fairness of all members.

3. As resolved at the AGM in March 2016, fees will increase for 2017 to the following:

   a. Regular A $100
   b. Regular B $180
   c. Regular C $260
   d. Retired $60 Concessional Rate
   e. Student $60 Concessional Rate

Before renewing online, please ensure you review and update your member profile.

Payments can be made by Credit Card or Cheque. Login here and renew online via the APS Website.

Your prompt renewal would be greatly appreciated.
8-9 Apr 2017
Neuromodulation Society of Australia and New Zealand 12th Annual Scientific Meeting
*Mechanisms of Action*
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

9 Apr 2017
Australian Pain Society 37th Annual Scientific Meeting - Pre-Conference Workshops
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA
https://www.dcconferences.com.au/aps2017/Pre-Conference_Workshops

9-12 Apr 2017
Australian Pain Society 37th Annual Scientific Meeting
*Expanding Horizons*
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

26-29 Apr 2017
National Rural Health Alliance 14th National Rural Health Conference
*A World of Rural Health in Australia*
Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, QLD
http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/14nrhc/about

Various dates 4 May to 22 Jun 2017
Empower Rehab
*Pain Management in Practice 2 day workshop*
Various Venues, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, VIC, QLD, NSW
http://www.empowerrehab.com/Workshops/

5-6 May 2017
Griffith University
Whiplash 2017 Symposium
Crowne Plaza, Surfers Paradise, QLD
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6-7 May 2017
Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA)
2017 ESSA Business Forum
QT Canberra, Canberra, ACT

12-May-17
Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM)
Refresher Course Day - Big Specifics
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, QLD
http://fpm.anzca.edu.au/events/2017-refresher-course-day

12-16 May 2017
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Annual Scientific Meeting 2017
Think Big
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, QLD
http://asm.anzca.edu.au

15-18 Jun 2017
IASP NeuPSIG 6th International Congress on Neuropathic Pain
The Path to Relief Starts with Understanding
Svenska Massan Gothia Towers, Gothenberg, Sweden
http://neupsig2017.kenes.com

6-9 Jul 2017
IASP Pain in Childhood SIG, Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain and College of Anaesthesiologists
ISPP 2017 11th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain: Understanding Pain In Children - Take the First Step
Shangri-la, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://www.ispp2017.org

19-21 Jul 2017
Occupational Therapy Australia
Partnership, Inclusion and Innovation
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

28-30 Jul 2017
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and Commonwealth Pharmacists Association
PSA17 - Leading Pharmacy Innovation
Hyatt Regency, Darling Harbour, Sydney, NSW
http://www.psa17.com

6-8 Sep 2017
Palliative Care Australia
Connection with Community
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

6-9 Sep 2017
European Pain Federation EFIC 10th Congress
Bringing Pain Relief to All Patients
Bella Center Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
http://www.efic2017.kenes.com

19-21 Oct 2017
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Momentum 2017 Physiotherapy Conference
ICC Sydney, Sydney, NSW
http://www.apamomentum2017.asn.au

27-oct-17
Pain Interest Group Nursing Issues (PIGNI)
Annual Professional Development Day
Sydney Masonic Centre, Sydney, NSW
https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/pigni-2017/eoi/Site/Register
VISION:
All people will have optimal access to pain prevention and management throughout their life.

MISSION:
The Australian Pain Society is a multidisciplinary organisation aiming to relieve pain and related suffering through advocacy and leadership in clinical practice, education and research.

AIMS:
• To promote the provision of healthcare services for pain management
• To promote equity of access to pain management services
• To actively engage with key stakeholders and contribute to their activities
• To provide a contemporary forum to discuss issues relating to pain research and treatment
• To foster and support pain-related evidence-based research
• To share and promote the expertise of all disciplines involved in the treatment of pain
• To foster and support the prevention of persistent pain
• To promote and facilitate evidence-based pain related education for health professionals and the community
• To promote the development and use of standards and outcome measures in everyday clinical practice
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