
AAAPC News - February 2022

Hello everyone

AAAPC has been busy in February, making for a full newsletter! Make sure you don't miss anything, including:

- Membership Renewals
- Conference updates
- Subcommittee updates
- Upcoming opportunities for publication and funding

...And more, happy reading!



AAAPC annual memberships due March 2022

It is that time of year, memberships are due from March 1st. Renew your membership on the [website](#)! Current members will need to log in, then click on the message in the bottom left hand corner of the webpage, or on your name at the top right corner of the webpage.

Check out [benefits of membership](#) to find out more

AAAPC Conference updates

What and When

AAAPC's 2022 Annual Research Conference will be online for **August 18 and 19**. The theme for this years conference is **Transforming Primary Health Care: Creating a Vision of Health for All**. Abstract submissions (and opportunity to review abstracts) will be opening soon -- keep an eye on your inboxes for your invitation!



Plenary Speaker: Professor Michael Kidd

[Professor Michael Kidd AM](#) is Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Principal Medical Advisor with the Australian Government Department of Health, where he is leading Australia's national primary care response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also has appointment as the foundation Professor of Primary Care Reform at The Australian National University. He is a general practitioner, a past president of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, a past president of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), and a past Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Flinders University. Prior to returning to Australia to support the pandemic response by the Department of Health, he was Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Family Medicine and Primary Care, Senior Innovation Fellow with the Institute for Health System Solutions and Innovative Care, and Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto in Canada.

Professor Michael Kidd, AAAPC's 2021 Charles-Bridges Webb award winner, will be sharing his insight on the strengths of primary care and the work he has been doing in primary care reform.

AAAPC Subcommittee updates

Ever wondered how to get more involved with primary care research, education, and policy? Join a subcommittee today! Email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au to be linked in to a subcommittee that interests you.

A quick update from the subcommittee chairs about what they have been working on:



Research, Policy & Advocacy subcommittee submitted a response to the Department of Health on the [General practice data and electronic clinical decision](#). In the response, AAAPC are advocating for clear information on the governance structures around management and sharing. AAAPC are also advocating for access to data for academic researchers not solely Government bodies. AAAPC remains committed to informing what a national practice-based research network could look like and formulating responses to issues as they arise. The next meeting for this subcommittee will be in March 2022.

Conference subcommittee made the challenging decision for an online conference again in 2022, though is looking at advertising satellite social events to help everyone network and keep in touch. The committee has chosen an online vendor, and is finalising abstract submission and reviewing processes now -- watch this space. Please come and get involved in this subcommittee! Active and contributing members of this subcommittee will get discounted 2022 conference registration. Email your interest in contributing to the conference subcommittee to secretariat@aaapc.org.au

ECR subcommittee met in January, though is declining in numbers. If you would like to get involved with AAAPCs ECR support, career building and mentoring, come and get involved! Email habiba.jahan@adelaide.edu.au to get an invitation to the next ECR subcommittee meeting. Check out FACES on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do. Next meeting for the FACES team will be early March.

Education subcommittee met in February to start actioning big plans, including the development of new fellowships to support education research and inter-institutional collaborations. Next meeting in April -- watch this space and please do email secretariat@aaapc.org.au if you have a passion for primary care education, and would like to get involved!

Membership Engagement Subcommittee met in January and is recruiting more members! You may receive an invitation to join – but if you don't and you would like to contribute, please get email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au. In addition to recruiting, this subcommittee will be coordinating several webinars for 2022 including a "Meet the Masters" series. Watch this space to find out when the webinars will start!

Upcoming Opportunities



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AJPH Special Issue -- Upcoming publication opportunities

A few AAAPC members are leading an upcoming *Australian Journal of Primary Health* special issue, titled: [Equity in Primary Health Care Provision: More than 50 years of the Inverse Care Law](#). An outline of the scope of topics covered can be found on the AJPH website, linked above. Please email an Expression of Interest *by 30th March 2022* to [Dr Harris-Roxas](#) to confirm the suitability of your submission for the special issue. Full submissions to be submitted in July 2022.

[Optimising Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Australia: the Role of Primary Health Care](#) a special issue relating to women's sexual and reproductive health in Australia. An outline of the scope of topics covered can be found on the [AJPH website](#), linked above. Full submissions due *by 30 June 2022* via the AJPH portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner, online publication following acceptance, and the issue out in early 2023. For questions, please email [Dr Jessica Botfield](#).

The *Australian Journal of Primary Health* has published high quality, peer-reviewed papers since 1995 (see flyer [here](#)). This is an attractive opportunity to publish alongside your peers in the field plus contributing authors receive free access to all papers published for this project in perpetuity.

Primary Care specific funding opportunities

A few primary care relevant grant opportunities that may be of interest for you or your team members:

- **Preventive and Public Health Research Initiatives:** [Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant](#), [Consumer-Led Research Grant](#), and [Chronic Respiratory Conditions Grant](#) (particularly stream 2). All opened 20 December 2021, and close 13 July 2022.
- **Indigenous Health Research** grant opportunity with several potential primary care applications. Applications opened 20 December 2021, and close 2 March 2022.

- **Primary Health Care Digital Innovations** grant to develop novel digital health tools and technologies to improve access to primary health care services in disadvantaged and/or vulnerable populations. Applications close on 22 July 2022, minimum data due 29 June 2022.
- **Clinical Trials Activity** grant opportunity with primary care specific opportunities in streams 5 and 6. Applications opened 20 December 2021 and close 6 July 2022.
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Remember to also subscribe to [GrantConnect!](#) GrantConnect provides a centralised publication of all forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities via an online portal. To receive personalised research grant updates, make sure to input your research key words (separated by commas) when you register.

Members Noticeboard

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is a space to post national and international primary care opportunities: jobs, research projects, guidelines and resources – really whatever you like!



In case you missed any posts February we have seen: New research jobs at Melbourne University and University of New South Wales, Call for submissions to a special issue in AJPH, and a nominations call for the MRFF consumer reference panel.

To get updates on the noticeboard in your emails, click [here](#) to subscribe, or navigate to the AAAPC members noticeboard (requires login) and click the subscribe button.

Using the noticeboard is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. Sign into the AAAPC website and go to the [Members Only Section >> Noticeboard](#)
2. Underneath the big blue rectangle there is a 'Subscribe' button you can click to to receive regular messages to your inbox.
3. If you would like to leave a message for other members, click the 'Create topic' button underneath the big blue rectangle.



Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to two of our members for their awards!

Abhir Nainani was awarded a NAPCRG Pearl for his research titled, *General Practitioner Perspectives and Experiences When Screening for Primary Aldosteronism!* NAPCRG Pearls are chosen each year by the Community Clinician Advisory Group (CCAG) as the top research studies having the greatest impact on clinical practice as presented at the NAPCRG Annual Conference. It's wonderful to see Abhir's work recognised internationally, especially after winning AAAPC's 2021 Conference award for best paper! We look forward to hopefully seeing more from Abhir at our 2022 conference.

Dr Marguerite Tracy has been awarded her PhD! Marguerite would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the [AAAPC FACEs group](#) - and recommends the group to other ECRs. Marguerite's thesis explored real-world question prompt lists to assist decision making in clinical practice. Her thesis, titled *More questions than answers - Investigating questions asked by patients and online, real-world question prompt list tools to realise the benefits for patients, health professionals and healthcare decision making* has resulted in three publications. Find out more about Marguerite and her work [here](#).

Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications

- **Pallavi Prathivadi** and team. [Pragmatic implementation: an introduction for primary care](#). Family Practice. 2022.
- **Pravik Solanki** and team. [Gender affirming hormone therapy for the trans, gender diverse, and non-binary community: comparing WPATH and Informed Consent model utilisation](#). Transgender Health. 2022
- **Kyle Eggleton** and team: [COVID-19 impact on New Zealand general practice: rural-urban differences](#). Rural & Remote Health. Feb, 2022
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Perceptions of private practice dietitians regarding the collection and use of outcomes data in primary healthcare practices: A qualitative study](#). Journal of Human Nutrition & Dietetics. Feb, 2022.
- **Virginia Lewis** and team: [Barriers and facilitators to nurse-led advance care planning and palliative care practice change in primary healthcare: a qualitative study](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. Feb, 2022.
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Behaviour change for type 2 diabetes: perspectives of general practitioners, primary care academics, and behaviour change experts on the use of the 5As framework](#). Family Practice. Jan, 2022.

This list does not comprehensively include the achievements of all of our members (sorry). Please send me an email at katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au when you or another member you know has an achievement that we can all celebrate! Some previous examples include a new PhD completion, publication, or an award.

Welcome to New AAAPC Members

We would love to introduce new members in the newsletter - it is a great way to build networks within our community, highlight your areas of research interest and projects you might be working on. If you would like your bio to be published in the monthly newsletter, please email secretariat@aaapc.org.au or katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au. We are excited to meet you!

Until next time,
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