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# AAAPC News - March 2022

Hello everyone,

March has been a flurry of activity, making for a full newsletter! Make sure you don't miss anything, including:

- Conference updates, including plenary speaker announcement
- AAAPC and SAPC: new beginnings
- Upcoming Webinar with Dr Ogunsiji
- Subcommittee updates
- Upcoming opportunities for publication and funding

...And much more, happy reading!

## AAAPC Conference updates

### Abstracts OPEN

AAAPC's 2022 Annual Research Conference Abstract Submissions are open! The theme for this year's conference is **Transforming Primary Health Care: Creating a Vision of Health for All**. We will consider abstracts of relevance to primary care practice, research, education, and policy. **Abstracts close April 14** – so get in quick! See more on our [webpage](#).



### Abstract reviewers needed

Help us review abstracts for the Annual Research Conference! Review a handful of abstracts to help ensure this AAAPC conference is the best yet. Reviewing is made easy with prespecified criteria, and a mentor-mentee program for anyone looking to develop their skills in reviewing or mentoring. Fill out the expression of interest form here to put your name down as an individual reviewer, and to seek support in developing this skill or offer your expertise as a mentor.

[EOI For Abstract Reviewing](#)



### **Conference Scholarships and Prizes**

AAAPC is offering scholarships to cover annual membership and conference registration! Scholarships are available for both (i) Students; and (ii) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and Māori and/or Pacific Peoples. Find out how to apply, and submit an application, via our [webpage](#).

### **Plenary Speaker: Professor Claire Jackson (AM)**

[Professor Claire Jackson](#) (AM) is Professor in General Practice and Primary Care Research, and Director of the Centre for Health System Reform and Integration, University of Queensland. Professor Jackson has been Clinical Director of two \$2.5 million Centres for Research Excellence in Primary Care Reform: one funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), exploring new models of integrating care in hospital and the community; the other by the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI), investigating the impact of researcher and end-user 'co-creation' on



quality and models of care. Professor Jackson is a Non-Executive Director of the Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd (HCF), Australia's largest NFP private health insurer, and Chair of the HCF Research Foundation. She is a NED on the Brisbane South Primary Health Network, and a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Medical Journal of Australia. She is a current member of Minister Hunt's Primary Care Reform Steering Committee, and has been both a past Chair and President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. She is an active clinician in Brisbane south.

Professor Jackson will be speaking on her primary area of research interest: health system reform, with a focus on primary care.



## AAAPC and SAPC: A new collaboration

AAAPC and SAPC (UK equivalent organisation) are announcing a new collaboration! Read Dr Phyllis Lau and Dr Rupert Payne's statement [online](#). The organisations will be planning joint activities and collaborative research opportunities for members. Activities will be coordinated via the AAAPC subcommittees -- so keep an eye out for exciting new opportunities!

### Upcoming ECR Webinar 19th April, 1pm (AEST)

[Dr Olayide Ogunsiji](#) will be presenting a webinar on navigating academia on the **19th of April, 1pm AEST**. Dr Ogunsiji is a Registered Nurse and Senior lecturer at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University, Australia. She is the Director of Academic Workforce (Liverpool campus).



Originally from Nigeria, Olayide migrated to Australia in 1999, with a Master of Science (Sociology) and embarked on the Nursing journey in Australia. She is passionate about women's health issues and her research interest are on intimate partner violence, female genital mutilation, parenting and women empowerment. She has made a sustained, positive impact on global health disparity of migrant and refugee women. Olayide is the founder of the African Women's Health and Support Organisation (AWHASO), a not-for-profit organization for women's health issues. She has presented at local, national and international conferences and publishes in high impact journals. Dr Ogunsiji was the recipient of the prestigious Dorothy Garrigus Adams 2021 Award for Excellence in Service at the Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Awards Ceremony.

Keep your eyes on [twitter](#) or our [website](#) for registration details!



## Reminder to Renew

AAAPC annual membership lapsed March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Renew your membership on the [website](#) to keep up with all AAAPC happenings and inside information!

Lapsed members will no longer have access to the members only sections of the webpage, including webinars and the noticeboard.

## 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](mailto: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 letter to the MRFF on National Practice Based Research Networks. In the letter, AAAPC are advocating for sustainable and ongoing funding that would support national level infrastructure and governance, while also supporting ground up development opportunities for local PBRNs. The subcommittee is currently working on a letter to Australian politicians on the importance of primary care research, and key aspects of the Australian primary care 10 year plan that must be addressed during and after the election. The subcommittee is excited to be working with new contributors from New Zealand.

**Conference subcommittee** has launched the abstract call and will be dividing up abstracts for review end of April. Subcommittee members are undertaking training with conference software to ensure a smooth experience leading up to and during the conference. The subcommittee is attempting to coordinate a series of local face to face social events around the conference to allow for small get togethers (public health advice permitting of course). If you would like to help by coordinating a social event for members in your area, please get in touch! Email: [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

**ECR subcommittee** has been busy coordinating the first AAAPC webinar of the year with Dr Ogunsini! Keep an eye out for registration details soon, announced via twitter or on our webpage. 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](mailto:habiba.jahan@adelaide.edu.au) to get an invitation to the next ECR subcommittee meeting. Check out the [FACEs group](#) too on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do.

**Education Subcommittee** met in February to start actioning big plans, including the development of new fellowships to support education research and inter-institutional collaborations. The subcommittee is currently looking into webinar topics for later in 2022, and collaboration opportunities with SAPC. If you have ideas on how to strengthen primary care education research and practice, please join!  
Email: [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

**Membership Engagement Subcommittee** met in March and is recruiting more members! Are you creative? Do you tweet? Would you like to see more opportunities provided by AAAPC for you? Come and get involved in the membership engagement subcommittee. We plan events, tweet, and try to get all the AAAPC goss out to you. Please get email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Primary Care specific publication opportunities

A few AAAPC members are leading upcoming special issues with a focus on primary care!

[Climate Crisis and Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Family Practice*, is calling for submissions on how primary health care can adapt to changes in disease and illness incidence and prevalence, and preventive and health promotion activity to ameliorate the burden of disease. An outline of accepted formats is available through the link above. Submissions due 1 May 2022. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Liz Sturgiss](#).

[Optimising Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Australia: the Role of Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, is calling for submissions 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 Guest Editor: [Dr Jessica Botfield](#).

[Oral Health in Healthcare](#), a special issue in *Healthcare*, is calling for submissions on the role of oral health in the bigger picture of healthcare to bring attention to the relationship between oral and systemic health, and the need for collaboration between oral health and other healthcare practitioners. Full submissions due by 31 October 2022 via the Healthcare portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Phyllis Lau](#).

### Primary Care specific funding opportunities

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

- **Clinical Trials Activity** grant opportunity with Primary care specific opportunities in streams 5 and 6. Applications close 6 July, 2022.

- **Preventive and Public Health Research Initiatives:** [Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant](#), [Consumer-Led Research Grant](#), and [Chronic Respiratory Conditions](#) (stream 2). All Opened 20 December, 2021, and close 13 July, 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.
- **MRFF Effective Treatments and Therapies** grant opportunity (Focus on exercise and physical activity interventions). Applications close 27 July, 2022.
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- **MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care** grant to support older people to maintain their health and quality of life (particularly streams 1 and 2). Applications close 7 September, 2022.
- **MRFF Cardiovascular Health** grant opportunity (particularly stream 3). Applications close 7 September, 2022.

**Remember to 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 this March we have seen: New Lecturer position at University of Wollongong; call for submissions to a special issues in AJPH, Family Practice, and Healthcare; calls for research participation in smoking cessation, interprofessional collaboration, childhood weight management, and psychotropic medication management; community questions about GrantConnect; and advice on submitting to the upcoming AAAPC conference.

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 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.



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications

- **Lynsey Brown** and team: [Strengthening primary health care: contributions of young professional-led communities of practice](#). Primary Health Care Research & Development. March, 2022.
- **Kirsty Douglas** and team: [After-hours presentations to community-based primary care in the Australian Capital Territory](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. March, 2022.
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Postpartum nutrition: Guidance for general practitioners to support high-quality care](#). Australian Journal of General Practice. March, 2022.
- **Jane Desborough** and team: [What has the COVID-19 pandemic taught us about the use of virtual consultations in primary care?](#) Australian Journal of General Practice. March, 2022.
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Digital health to support primary care provision during a global pandemic](#). Australian Health Review. March, 2022.
- **Simone De Morgan** and team: [Community-based pain programs commissioned by primary health networks: key findings from an online survey and consultation with program managers](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. March, 2022.
- Jo-Anne Manski-Nankervis and team: [Primary care consumers' experiences and opinions of a telehealth consultation delivered via video during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. March, 2022.
- **Liz Halcomb** and team. [Nurse-led interventions to manage hypertension in general practice: Asystematic review and meta analysis](#). Journal of Advanced Nursing. March, 2022.
- **Tim Stokes** and team: [Is PHARMAC's decision-making fair? Findings from an evaluation of decision-making in the New Zealand health system](#). The New Zealand Medical Journal. Feb, 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](mailto: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. Remember to also tag AAAPC in tweets about achievements in primary care -- we would love to share the joy!

## 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](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) or [katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au](mailto:katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au). We are excited to meet you!

Until next time,  
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