



e-News

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About the PCRN

The purpose of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is to develop a platform for sustainable research collaboration. The PCRN is currently funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria, Australia. The Centre for Palliative Care (a Collaborative Centre of St Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne) is the administering organization.

Fond Farewell from Soula Ganiatsas



Dear PCRN Members,

It is with great sadness that I leave the Palliative Care Research Network. I have been the Program Manager since 2013.

In a relatively short period of time, the PCRN has established strong collaborative links between academics, clinicians, policy makers and consumers. The PCRN is also continuing to develop links with several other local, national and international networks. In addition, the PCRN has undertaken a comprehensive collaborative exercise to establish priority research areas for the period 2015-2019 to help inform and improve palliative care provision.

Importantly, the PCRN has strengthened and improved capacity within the palliative care research workforce by awarding PhD scholarships, small project grants and travel grants, as well as providing multiple early career researcher events such as research concept development workshops and research forums. The PCRN has also been profiled at local and national conferences including forums at the annual Australian Palliative Care Research Colloquia and information booths at Palliative Care Australia conferences. Fourteen research articles attributable to the PCRN have also been published in international peer reviewed journals. The PCRN currently has 411 registered members consisting of multidisciplinary clinicians and academics from around Australia and other countries such as Hong Kong, India, Malawi, Norway, UK and USA.

I am looking forward to my short break before I tackle my next role. Wishing you all the best and success.

Kindest Regards,

Soula

Call for Suggestions for 2019 PCRN Forum Topics & Presenters

If you have any ideas on topics that you would like to be presented at this year's PCRN Forums and /or speakers that you would like to hear from, please email your suggestions by **8 August 2019** to pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject '2019 PCRN Forum Topic/Speaker Suggestion'.

Congratulations to recipients of the 2019 PCRN Travel Grants

The PCRN awarded six travel grants in 2019. The award recipients and their respective funded conferences and presentations are listed below:

2019 Travel Grant Recipients	Conference Travels & Presentations
Dr Safrina Thristiawati (Researcher, Calvary Health)	13th Asia Pacific Hospice Conference, Surabaya, Indonesia <i>Oral presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "What do I need to know about you as a person to give you the best care possible?"; Implementing the patient dignity question into a specialist palliative care service. - You <u>don't</u> know if you don't ask: A pilot study using patient reported outcomes in a specialist palliative care service.
A/Prof Clare O'Callaghan (Researcher, Cabrini Health)	Spiritual Care Australia Conference 2019, Melbourne VIC, Australia <i>Oral presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palliative care patients' and informal caregivers' multifaceted and contested perspectives about optimizing spiritual care: Lessons from a qualitative inquiry.
Ms Jennifer Lowe (Student, La Trobe University)	6th Public Health Palliative Care International Conference, Blue Mountains NSW, Australia <i>Oral presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How might the death industry make a meaningful contribution to bereavement support within the context of compassionate communities?
Ms Naomi Mason (Project Officer, Albury <u>Wodonga</u> Health)	Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2019, Perth WA, Australia <i>Oral presentation (Ian Maddocks Guest Lecture):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparedness for Caregiving: A phenomenological study of the experiences of regional family palliative <u>carers</u>.
Mrs Katherine Pryde (Allied Health, Cabrini Health)	Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2019, Perth WA, Australia <i>Oral presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The acceptability of massage therapy in the inpatient palliative care setting; a mixed methods feasibility study.
Dr Gursharan Singh (Student, Western Sydney University)	Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2019, Perth WA, Australia <i>Oral presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The decision to provide palliative care to patients with heart <u>failure</u>: A qualitative meta-synthesis.

Congratulations to Clare O'Callaghan

Congratulations also to our member – A/Prof Clare O'Callaghan for being awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to community health. Clare has made tireless contributions in music therapy, such as song writing and music supported counselling in palliative care, research methodology and in particular, ways of representing patients' and carers' subjective accounts of their music therapy experiences.

Useful Resources in Palliative Care Research

Please find below a sample list of useful resources which you can subscribe to in order to keep up with the latest palliative care news and publications on evidence-based palliative care research.

Media Watch, created and distributed by [Barry R. Ashpole](#) – to subscribe email: barryashpole@bell.net

E-Hospice – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).

Briefings in Palliative, Hospice, and Pain Medicine & Management – to subscribe to table of contents go to the [website](#).

CareSearch palliative care knowledge network – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).

All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC) – to subscribe to mailing list go to the [website](#).

Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2019

Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation

For more information visit the [website](#)

Closing date: 2 August 2019

Jack Brockhoff Foundation – Early Career Research Grants

For more information visit the [website](#)

Closing date: 31 July 2019

Lung Foundation Australia

(various grant opportunities)

For more information visit the [website](#)

Closing date: various

MS Research Australia

(various grant opportunities)

For more information visit the [website](#)

Closing date: various

NIB Foundation

(various grant opportunities)

For more information visit the [website](#)

Closing date: TBC (applications open in June 2019)

Upcoming Conferences

National

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference (OPCC) 2019

Dates: September 10-13, 2019

Location: Perth, WA

[\[Website\]](#)

Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) Research Conference

Dates: September 16-17, 2019

Location: Melbourne, VIC

[\[Website\]](#)

46th Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: November 12-14, 2019

Location: Adelaide, SA

[\[Website\]](#)

International

21st IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology

Dates: September 23-26, 2019

Location: Banff, Canada

[\[Website\]](#)

ACTA International Clinical Trials Conference 2019

Dates: October 2-5, 2019

Location: Sydney, Australia

[\[Website\]](#)

Recent Publications Relevant to PCRN Members

In each edition we will feature some recently published articles relevant to PCRN members. If you have published in a peer reviewed journal recently and the subject matter is relevant to the PCRN community, or if you come across key publications that foster evidence based palliative care, please email pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject 'PCRN Newsletter' and we will feature the publications in an upcoming edition.

Chai E , Goldhirsch S. (2019). That was then, this is now: Using palliative care principles to guide opioid prescribing. *J Palliat Med.* 22(6):612-614.

de Wolf-Linder S, Dawkins M, Wicks F, Pask S, Eagar K, Evans CJ, Higginson IJ, Murtagh FEM. (2019). Which outcome domains are important in palliative care and when? An international expert consensus workshop, using the nominal group technique. *Palliat Med.* doi: 10.1177/0269216319854154. [Epub ahead of print]

Hudson BF, Best S, Stone P, Noble TB. (2019). Impact of informational and relational continuity for people with palliative care needs: a mixed methods rapid review. *BMJ Open* 9(5):e027323.

Koh MYH, Lee JF, Montalban S, Foo CL, Hum AYM. (2019). ED-PALS: A Comprehensive Palliative Care Service for Oncology Patients in the Emergency Department. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care* 36(7):571-576.

Levy K, Grant PC, Depner RM, Tenzek KE, Pailler ME, Beaupin LK, Breier JM, Byrwa DJ. (2019). The Photographs of Meaning Program for Pediatric Palliative Caregivers: Feasibility of a Novel Meaning-Making Intervention. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care* 36(7):557-563.

Mason N, Hodgkin S. (2019). Preparedness for caregiving: A phenomenological study of the experiences of rural Australian family palliative carers. *Health Soc Care Community* 27(4):926-935. <https://rdcu.be/boLTT>

Mitchell S, Spry JL, Hill E, Coad J, Dale J, Plunkett A. (2019). Parental experiences of end of life care decision-making for children with life-limiting conditions in the paediatric intensive care unit: a qualitative interview study. *BMJ Open* 9(5):e028548.

Riahi S, Khajehei M. (2019). Palliative Care: A Systematic Review of Evidence-Based Interventions. *Crit Care Nurs Q.* 42(3):315-328.

Streuli JC, Widger K, Medeiros C, Zuniga-Villanueva G, Trenholm M. (2019). Impact of specialized pediatric palliative care programs on communication and decision-making. *Patient Educ Couns.* 102(8):1404-1412.

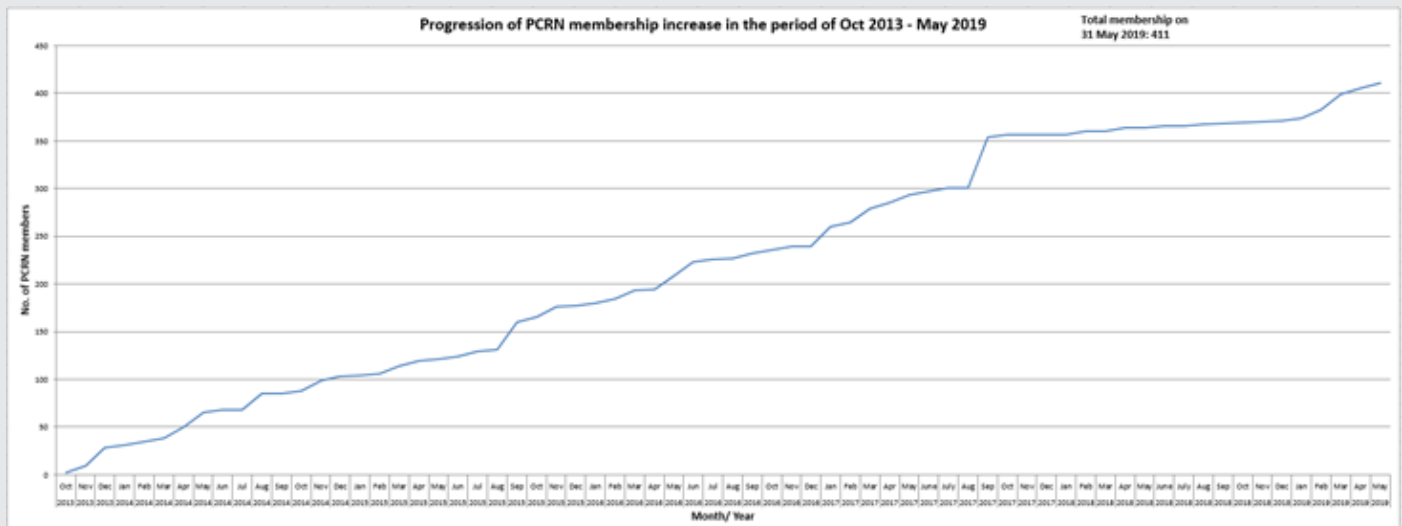
Membership

The PCRN now has 411 registered members from around Australia and other countries such as Hong Kong, India, Malawi, Norway, the UK and USA. Individuals with a genuine interest in palliative care research may become individual members of the PCRN. Membership is free and some of the *key benefits* of membership include:

- An opportunity to network and collaborate with other palliative care researchers through PCRN seminars and forums;
- Apply for a range of PCRN funding including: PhD scholarship, project and travel grants;
- Assistance in developing your research;
- Opportunities to provide mentorship to junior researchers.

**Please note that even though membership is open to everyone, some resources and funding may be restricted to Victorian residents only.*

To formalise your membership, please complete the [online form](#) on the PCRN website.



Forward e-news to a friend!

Please forward this newsletter to friends or colleagues interested in palliative care research. They can also sign up for [free membership](#)

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