



The Royal Australasian  
College of Physicians

Paediatrics & Child Health Division

## **PCHD RESEARCH COMMITTEE MID-YEAR COMMUNIQUÉ AUGUST 2014**

*Welcome to the PCHD Research Committee (PRC) mid-year communiqué which is made available to all Fellows, Trainees and College staff. This communiqué keeps you informed and updated of matters pertaining to the PRC for the first half of 2014.*

Dear Fellow and Trainee Members,

### PCHD Statement on Research

The PRC drafted a 'high level' PCHD Statement on Research that covers paediatric, child health and young people across Australia and New Zealand. This will be made available following relevant approval by the PCHD Council.

### RACP Ethics Review

The PRC provided comments to the RACP Ethics Review ensuring that the paediatric research perspective is voiced.

### Research in Education

The PRC are supportive of the work being undertaken by the RACP Research Project Working Group. The Group has been tasked with reviewing College research project requirements and then proposing future research requirements across various training programs.

### Research Resource

- The Australian Paediatric Research Network (APRN) resource 'How to Conduct Research' is now available to all RACP trainees and Fellows via the [RACP MyResources gateway](#).
- Fellows who find the APRN resource relevant to their scope of practice are eligible to claim this under MyCPD – Category 1: Research at 1 credit per hour.

### Supporting Research

Following agreement with the College; Fellows contact details will be securely and appropriately provided to Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit (APSU). This includes a provision to opt out.

### College Congress

The paediatric component of the College Congress in May was well received with topics including obesity, epigenetics, neonates, respiratory, adolescent & young adult medicine, neurology, infectious diseases, and dermatology.

### PCHD Awards 2014

- Dr Jane Harding presented 'The life-long legacies of perinatal management' at the College Congress and was presented the 2014 Howard Williams Medal.
- The Wiley New Investigator Award: Dr Andrew Hardy - *Procedural and resuscitation requirements for paediatricians working in a non-tertiary centre: Implications for training.*

- Best Poster Prize in Paediatrics & Child Health: Dr Rachel Noovao - *Investigating Fragile X Syndrome in Paediatrics - can we rationalise our current practice?*
- Rue Wright Memorial Award: Dr Caroline Mahon - *Increased Incidence of Pleural Empyema in New Zealand Children: A Retrospective Review of Paediatric Empyema and Parapneumonic Effusion in South Auckland 1998-2012.*

#### College Awards – paediatrics

- RACP Trainee Research Award for Excellence in the field of paediatric medicine: Dr Marie Rauter - *Findings from comprehensive health screening of children in out-of-home care: The health of 4-6 year olds in southern Tasmania compared to peers*
- RACP Exam Medal 2013 for the PCHD is Dr Christine Mincham
- John Sands Medal 2014: Dr Johan Morreau and Dr Roger Tuck.

## **GOVERNANCE**

#### Membership of the PCHD Research Committee

- The PRC welcomed Professor Andrew Day as the appointed representative from New Zealand, Dr Tony Huynh as an appointed representative, Dr Mark Garden as the trainee representative, and Dr Nicholas Cheng as the nominated education representative.
- The PRC bade farewell to Prof Brian Darlow (NZ) and Prof Anne Cunningham (co-opted).
- The PRC membership is available on the [PCHD website](#)

#### Terms of Reference

- The PRC Terms of Reference were updated so that, following an initial appointment via a nomination process, the Chair may be appointed to a subsequent two terms without the need for a nomination process to occur.

#### PRC Meetings

- The PRC met 16 March (face to face) and 2 July 2014 (teleconference).
- The PRC is scheduled to meet 19 September (face to face) and 3 December 2014 (teleconference).

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