



**PCHD RESEARCH COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**September 2016**

*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 2016.*

Dear Fellow and Trainee Members,

**Research in Education**

- The PRC continues to support work undertaken by the College, such as the basic training curriculum review and the activity reviewing research project requirements, to ensure that trainees standard of research is high.
- The [RACP Research Projects e-Learning resource](#) is now available. This online resource is a self-directed resource covering the process of conducting RACP research projects. The resource includes interviews with six trainees, exploring their journey completing one of the acceptable types of RACP research projects: Research in human subjects, populations and communities or laboratory research; Audit; and Systematic review.
- There are links within the above resource to the to the [Australian Paediatric Research Network research resources](#) and the [Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit Surveillance systematic literature review resource](#) that have been commended to you for use in previous communiques.

Fellows may claim MyCPD under Category 1: Research at 1 credit per hour per when using on-line research resources.
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**Supporting Research**

- Following agreement with the College; Fellows contact details are now securely and appropriately provided to Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit (APSU) for research purposes. This includes a provision to opt out. If you would like further information please contact [paed@racp.edu.au](mailto:paed@racp.edu.au)
- A reminder of the Australasian [PCHD Statement on Research for Children and Young People, September 2014](#)

**College Congress 2016**

The paediatric component of the College Congress in May was well received with topics including:

- Complex Care Coordinators in Queensland: a dispersed model
- Fabio the FROG – an online children's satisfaction surveyor
- Sexual Health Workshop: Staying safe – sex and the under sixteens – an interactive case based workshop
- NDIS: an opportunity for physicians, paediatricians and our patients
- Assessment and management of childhood adversity and neglect – with a child protection focus
- The spectrum of neglect, including its forensic assessment
- Paediatrics and mental health



- Subdural Haematoma in children aged <2 years – deciding on the cause of injury
- Female genital mutilation and cutting children resident in Australia
- Lessons in leadership: leading change in healthcare
- Better and safer care for kids; high reliability in paediatric care
- Trauma support

### **PCHD Corpus Awards**

The following awards are made available from PCHD funds (managed by the RACP Foundation) as recommended by the PRC to the PCHD Council:

- [PCHD International Grant: Asia Pacific](#)  
Some of you may remember the former Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) Travelling Scholarship (last awarded in 2009) - this new grant ensures that opportunity to gain experience in Australia or New Zealand continues for our close neighbours.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a Fellow of the Division to sponsor an international medical graduate or specialist to further their knowledge in medical education or research in the field of paediatrics. Alternatively, the grant may be used to provide a medical education program for international medical graduates or specialists in the Asia-Pacific with support from a Fellow - however there are parameters around this including direct benefit to the region.

Each year \$10,000 will be made available.

Applications for the Grant are now open.

- [PCHD Indigenous Health Scholarship Program](#)  
The Scholarship is valued at up to \$40,000, providing a funded pathway related to Paediatrics & Child Health training over three to four years. This includes\

  - RACP training fees
  - Examination fees
  - Attendance at College Congress (or relevant Annual Scientific Meeting) each year
  - \$2,500 cash assistance at beginning of Scholarship.

2017 applications open 1 October 2016 and close on 30 November 2016

- [RACP PCHD NHMRC Award for Excellence](#)  
This Award was established in 2014 with to support the top young paediatric clinical researchers as part of a shared commitment to nurture the next generation of medical researchers. The PCHD recipient receives additional 'top up' funds from, the RACP Foundation, to the [Australian] National Health & Medical Research Council [NHMRC] Postgraduate Scholarship, for up to three years. To be considered, applicants must tick the appropriate check box on the NHMRC form.



Recipients for the 2017 award will be assessed in a few weeks. The 2018 award applications will open in May 2017.

Also [see the NHMRC website](#).

### **PCHD Awards 2016**

- Howard Williams Medal: Professor Dinah Reddihough presented 'Disability at the crossroads: improving the care of children with cerebral palsy' at the College Congress.
- Best Poster Prize in Paediatrics & Child Health: Associate Professor Harriet Hiscock – *Brief School Prize in Paediatrics and Child Health 2016*
- Rue Wright Memorial Award: Dr Jessica Costa-Pinto – *The parental immunisation needs and attitudes (PINA) survey in hospital paediatric clinics (PINA-H) and community maternal and child health centre (PINA-C) in Melbourne*

### **College Awards 2016**

- RACP Trainee Research Award for Excellence in the field of paediatric medicine:
  - Dr Jonathan Kaufman (VIC) – *Quick-Wee: catching urine samples quickly from infants in the paediatric emergency department*
  - Dr Melissa Norman (SA) - *Does providing dietary advice improve the ingestion of non-allergic nuts in children with existing nut allergies? A randomised controlled trial*
  - Dr Melissa Lai (QLD)- *PREMM: Preterm early massage by the mother – the effects of massage in very preterm infants*
  - Dr Lahiru Amarasena (TAS) - *Establishing safe and effective minimally invasive paediatric surgery in a regional centre*
  - Dr Bronwyn Rosie (NZ) – *Epidemiology of Intussusception in New Zealand pre rotavirus vaccination*
  - Dr Kajal Hirani (WA)- *Identification of health risk behaviours among adolescent refugees resettling in Western Australia*
  - Dr Angela Titmuss (NSW)- *Response to growth hormone therapy and gonadal pathology in 45,X/46,XY females*
  - Dr Shreerupa Basu (NT) – *Paediatric Advance Care Planning: physicians experience, confidence and education in raising difficult discussions*
- RACP Medal for Clinical Service In Rural and Remote Areas 2016: Associate Professor Adam Scheinberg
- International Medal 2016: Professor David Brewster, New Zealand
- Examination Medal in Paediatrics and Child Health 2015: Dr Luisa Clucas
- College Medal 2016: Associate Professor Susan Moloney
- Paediatric Merit Award 2015: Dr Heather Burnett
- RACP Indigenous Health Scholarship Program 2016: Dr Denise Bennett, New Zealand

### **GOVERNANCE**

#### Membership of the PCHD Research Committee



- The PRC bade farewell to Dr Mark Garden, Appointed Trainee Rep following his resignation.

The PRC welcomed:

- Dr Malcolm Battin – appointed Fellow
- Dr Catherine Choong – Grants Advisory Committee representative
- Dr Carla Morley – Appointed Trainee representative
- Dr Margaret Danchin – APRN representative

The following members' terms concluded:

- Dr Tony Huynh – appointed representative
- Dr Ralf Heine – Grants Advisory Committee representative
- Professor Keith Grimwood – JPCH Editorial representative
- Associate Professor Harriet Hiscock – APRN representative

The PRC membership is available on the [PRC webpage](#).

#### PRC Meetings

- To date the PRC met 18 March (face to face) and 5 September (face to face)
- The PRC is scheduled to meet 23 November (teleconference).

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