



PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH DIVISION RESEARCH COMMITTEE

2017 End of Year Communiqué

Welcome to my first communique as Chair of the Paediatrics & Child Health Division Research Committee (PRC).

KEY ACTIVITIES

The PRC have collaborated with several other PCHD Committees during 2017 to focus on priority areas such as policy, education and of course research. Some of our key activities are highlighted below.

- The PRC appointed Prof David Isaacs as the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health (JPCH) representative in February 2017.
- The PRC Chair dialled in to a Paediatrics & Child Health Division Policy & Advocacy Committee (PPAC) meeting in March 2017 to discuss the PRC as a resource for PPAC work, the research toolkit, and methodology for identifying priority topics.
- Dr Margie Danchin, Australian Paediatric Research Network (APRN) representative on the PRC, attended the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Annual General Meeting in May 2017.
- The PRC appointed A/Prof Paul Fullerton as the PCHD Education Committee (PDEC) representative in July 2017.
- The PRC provided advice to the PDEC and PPAC on advanced training research projects, in relation to trainee work on position statement development.
- The PRC Chair contributed to a [Letter to the JPCH Editor](#) on the RACP Evolve General Paediatric List, published in September.
- Model of Collaboration agreements are being drafted with the APRN and the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit.
- The PRC are developing a communication to ensure research career pathways for paediatricians are easily recognised. Further information on “Articulating Academic Pathways for Future Fellows” will follow next year.
- The PRC have contributed to the PCHD Council’s work on the Division’s identity and purpose through providing a research perspective.
- I would personally like to thank Dr Carla Morley, trainee representative on the PRC, for her article on trainee research projects which was published in the [November e-Bulletin](#).

PCHD AWARDS

- As announced in the [August e-Bulletin](#), the recipient of the [Howard Williams Medal](#) for 2018 is Professor David Forbes. The medal will be awarded at the 2018 RACP Congress.
- Applications for the 2018 [Rue Wright Memorial Award](#) close on 2 February 2018.
- Applications for the 2018 [Best Poster Prize in Paediatrics & Child Health](#) close on 16 February 2018.



PCHD CORPUS AWARDS

- Applications for [RACP Indigenous Health Scholarship Program](#) close on 30 November 2017.
- Applications for the 2018 [Research Entry Scholarships](#) and [Research Establishment Fellowships](#) are now closed, and the results will be announced in mid-December.

MEMBERSHIP

- Thank you to Dr Nicholas Wood, A/Prof Yvonne Zurynski and Dr Carla Morley who complete their final terms on the PRC in May 2018, your contribution has been greatly appreciated. The call for expressions of interest for positions on the PRC will open in early 2018.
- Membership of the PRC can be viewed on the [website](#).
- I would like to thank the Committee for their expertise and ongoing commitment to College research over the past year.

USEFUL LINKS

Links to useful resources are provided below for your information:

- [Australian Paediatric Research Network research resources](#)
- [Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit systematic literature review resource](#)
- [RACP Research Projects e-Learning resource](#)
- [RACP Research Curated Collection](#)

Finally, your feedback and queries are always welcomed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via paed@racp.edu.au.

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