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Professor Timothy Geraghty
President
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Dear Professor Geraghty,

Re: Procedures in Pain Medicine Clinical Care Standard (PILOT until April 2020)

The Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) is responsible for the training and examination of specialist pain medicine physicians, and for the standards of clinical practice in New Zealand and Australia. The college's mission is to serve the community by fostering safety and high quality patient care in anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine.

A key goal of the FPM 2018-2022 Strategic Plan is to enhance the suite of FPM educational offerings in Australia, New Zealand and internationally, particularly with respect to procedures in pain medicine. A project steering group and three working groups were formed in 2018, and are actively engaged in delivering 3 major streams of work outlined in the faculty's [Position Statement on Procedures in Pain Medicine](#):

- Development of a clinical care standard relating to procedures in pain medicine
- Evolution of the procedural component of the pain medicine training program
- Development of a post-fellowship strategy for FPM endorsement in pain medicine procedures

The Board has now endorsed for promulgation and consultation a pilot [Procedures in Pain Medicine Clinical Care Standard](#). This professional document has been developed to articulate what is considered to be the appropriate and safe use of procedures in the practice of pain medicine, and is intended for use by FPM fellows and trainees.

This Procedures in Pain Medicine Clinical Care Standard is being piloted for a period of six months and will be reviewed again in April 2020. We welcome your feedback during this time and ask that you please disseminate this document in your publications, on your website and through your social media channels

For further information or to provide feedback, please contact Cassandra Sparkes,
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Yours sincerely

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