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Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe AM
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Sent via email: racp@racp.edu.au

Dear Adjunct Professor Pascoe,

PS16 (PM) Scope of clinical practice for Specialist Pain Medicine Physicians 2026 (PILOT)

The Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM/faculty) of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) has developed a new professional document [PS16\(PM\) Scope of clinical practice for Specialist Pain Medicine Physicians](#) (including its [background paper PS16\(PM\) BP](#)).

This document defines the scope of practice of specialist pain medicine physicians (SPMPs) trained and recognised by the faculty with regard to their qualifications and particular areas of expertise, their location and types of practice, and some of the treatments which form part of the pain management armamentarium, which are specific to the skills and knowledge of SPMPs.

This position statement is being piloted until 25 January 2027. We welcome your views on the document during this time, understanding that your organisation will have specific processes for consultation prior to provision of feedback.

The FPM 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. The faculty aims to promote the highest standards of patient care, including quality and safety.

For further information or to provide feedback, please contact Penny McMorran, Professional Affairs Lead, via email fpm@anzca.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



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