



Acute Pain Special Interest Group

Annual Report (interim 2009

Executive

The Executive composition is as follows:

Dr Richard Halliwell	NSW
Dr Steve Jones	NZ
Dr James Sartain	QLD
Prof Stephan Schug	WA
Dr Jenny Elson	WA
Dr Jane Trinca (chair)	VIC
Dr Kylie Stanton	TAS
Assoc Professor Pam Macintyre	SA

Current Membership: 919 Members & 16 Associate Members

Meetings

ANZCA ASM May Cairns May 2009

Dr James Sartain and Dr Jason Ray organised this SIG session which was chaired by A/Prof Pam Macintyre. The session was very well received. Speakers were Dr Paul Gray: Acute burns management, Prof Stephan Schug: "Analgesic Drug interactions you need to know", Peter Goodyear: "Anti-neuropathics in anaesthesia".

Future meetings:

ANZCA ASM in Christchurch 2010: The idea of acute pain SIG meeting being held on the Sunday afternoon of the program seems to be very convenient to Pain medicine attendees as well as those anaesthetists who have a special interest in acute pain. This approach will continue for the Christchurch meeting where Ted Shipton has organized a Sunday session of acute pain topics and kept the chair informed of progress.

Spring meeting 2009 Melbourne: The SIG joined the FPM for their third annual spring meeting with a theme: "Duelling with Pain". This was held 16-18 October in Melbourne and will include 2 overseas speakers, Dr Roman Jovey and Dr Suellen Walker with the theme of management of complex clinical situations and emerging new knowledge with particular emphasis on specialties of addiction medicine and pain medicine as well as fast track orthopaedic surgery, cancer pain and spinal analgesic drug development. The meeting also hosted the launch of the national Pain Summit by Professor Michael Cousins, Dr Penny



Briscoe and the President of Chronic Pain Australia. There was a high turnout for this meeting and very positive feedback received

ASA Darwin 2009 :The acute pain SIG did not officially contribute to this meeting but A Prof Pam Macintyre was an invited speaker

APS combined meeting 2010

The Acute pain SIG has combined with Australian Pain Society and FPM as well as NZ Pain Society to run an inaugural combined one day meeting preceding the APS/ NZPS meeting at the Goldcoast in March 2010. This meeting has been organized with a multidisciplinary team from anaesthesia and nursing. The meeting plan consists of some basic science followed by sessions on monitoring and measuring acute pain and acute pain services.

There will be an interactive session about protocols and standards as well as sessions about managing patients with substance abuse, personality disorders and a topical session about paediatric pain management.

The Acute pain SIG are also running topical sessions about fast track surgery and transition of acute pain to chronic in the main meeting of the Australian Pain Society. Flyers have been emailed to all Acute SIG members.

The wide advertising of this meeting has been problematic. It is hoped that there can be good advertising of the meeting by ASA and NZSA as well as ANZCA/ FPM

ANZCA Hong Kong 2011

We have been asked to provide a session during this meeting

Other matters

Representation on the peri-operative medicine committee

This committee has now been disbanded and it is planned that a peri-operative SIG will develop which may combine or have links with the acute pain SIG

Development of web-based discussion for acute pain and protocols and links

The ACECC website has recently been under revision and unfortunately this has hampered the ongoing discussions of acute pain SIG. The website had continued to be used by the acute pain SIG. It provides an important area to record information and locate expertise for conferences as well as for sourcing information and documents/ guidelines

Enquiry re safety standards acute pain in regional hospitals

There has been further verbal communication that GP anaesthetists in rural areas are not receiving adequate education and nursing staff are reporting poor practice.

National Pain Summit

The chair and other members of acute pain community have been asked to contribute to the draft strategy for the National Pain Summit. A document can be accessed on the national Pain summit website and feedback is encouraged. It is important that acute pain does not



get left behind as there are ongoing funding and political issues with the development of acute pain services and acute pain practice in Australia

Acute Pain Scientific Evidence 3rd edition

The work of Pam Macintyre and other members of acute pain community including members of the SIG in preparing this latest edition must be acknowledged as a huge contribution to education.

ACECC

The chair was unable to attend the ACECC meeting in Cairns 2009 due to competing engagement in the meeting

Jane Trinca Chairman

cc: SIG Executive
ANZCA Council
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ACECC is a joint initiative of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, the Australian Society of Anaesthetists and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists.

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