

# Important information

## Cancellation of the 2021 NSW ACE Winter meeting

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Dr John Leyden and Dr Simon Martel, convenors of the NSW Winter meeting, we write to inform you that after careful consideration and taking into account the COVID-19 situation in Sydney, the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday 19 June has been cancelled. As a valued delegate you will receive a full refund of your registration fee. Please allow us some time to manage this.

We all wanted to give the meeting every chance of going ahead however we were extremely concerned about the safety and wellbeing of our delegates, the wisdom of gathering so many clinicians in one place and our adherence to government advice – in this instance regarding the conduct of non-essential gatherings.

Unfortunately, our international and interstate speakers are also now unable to attend, and whilst most of our local speakers and workshop facilitators were willing to support our meeting, there was a growing sense of heightened concern. Dr Vanessa Beavis, ANZCA President and one of our presenters sends everyone her best wishes and is extremely disappointed that yet again she cannot catch up with you all.

We are very disappointed but trust you understand we will always follow health and government directives to prioritise the safety of the delegates and everyone involved in this meeting.

We are mindful that our presenters have already put an enormous amount of time and effort into their presentations, so we are keen this does not go to waste. We have some thoughts on how we can repackage the NSW Winter meeting and once our ideas are better formed we will be in touch.

Thank you as delegates for all your support and for understanding the difficult and unpredictable situation we find ourselves in currently.

Kind regards

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