

We wish you a happy Festive Season and all the best for 2022.

As we wrap up another year, we are delighted to send you the December 2021 issue of *On the Pulse* (CSANZ magazine).

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In this Issue:

- Advocating through a Pandemic - Editorial by Prof Stephen Nicholls
- What's On in 2022, CSANZ and other Meetings
- We hear from some of our e-Fellowship recipients who presented at virtual international meetings during 2021.
- See the TOP 10 downloaded articles in the Heart Lung and Circulation for 2021.



New MBS item for cardiac MRI for myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccination



The Australian Government announced a new MBS item number for cardiac MRI for myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccination.

The item will be available for 6 months from 1 January 2022 until 30 June 2022 to align with the rollout of mRNA COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged 5-12 and booster doses to the broader population.

Changes to MBS items for cardiac services 1 Jan and 1 March 2022

Last week the Australian government announced amendments to existing items from 1 January, 2022 including lead extraction and co-claiming services with selective coronary angiography preceding percutaneous coronary intervention.

In addition, from 1 March 2022, listings will be added for left atrial appendage closure for patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation and who are at risk of stroke, as well as a new item number for TAVI for patients with symptomatic severe aortic stenosis at intermediate risk for open surgical aortic valve replacement, device agnostic.

[Download summary of changes here](#)

Changes to MBS Specialist Telehealth from 1 Jan 2022

The Australian Government has announced that from 1 January 2022, patient access to telehealth services will be supported by permanent Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) arrangements.

These arrangements consolidate specialist telehealth into a single, national MBS telehealth program to provide continued access to video telehealth services for most (out of hospital) consultation items that can also be provided in person.

MBS rebates for specialist services by telephone will continue to be available for less complex or shorter subsequent consultations.

[Please see factsheet \(pdf\) for further information including implications for MBS billing practices from 1 Jan 2022.](#)

AHA 2021 | Paul Dudley White International Scholar Award Winner

Congratulations to CSANZ Member Dr Linh Thi Hai Ngo who was awarded the prestigious Paul Dudley White International Scholar Award as the highest-ranked abstract from Australia at the 2021 AHA Scientific Sessions in November.

Paul Dudley White was one of the founders of the American Heart Association and this award is presented to the top abstract from each country accepted at the AHA Meeting.

Dr Ngo's abstract was titled, Excess Healthcare Costs and Bed Days Associated with Complications Following Catheter Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation.

Dr Ngo had received a CSANZ eFellowship to enable her to participate in the meeting and present her abstract as an ePoster.

CONGRATULATIONS LINH! [Read full story and other e-fellowship reports in the CSANZ On the Pulse](#), December 2021



Women In Cardiology Mentoring Dinner - a great success



The Women in Cardiology "Trailblazers and Rising Stars" Mentoring Dinner was held in Sydney on Thursday, 16 December and many braved the storm and traffic to get into Sydney's CBD to attend.

Dr Sonya Burgess (pictured above) kicked off the evening which included entertaining stories from Prof Lynne Pressley, Prof Gemma Figtree and Prof Clara Chow about their career paths from school and university days through the twists and turns that brought them to where they are today, leaders in their fields.

Julie Anne Mitchell, National Director Health Strategy, National Heart Foundation, Tweeted:

"So great to see the next generation of WIC engaged in sharing stories, asking questions, discovering for the first time there is a network of female cardiologists out there supporting each

other".

Image: Julie Anne Mitchell, NHF

Investigating Clinician Researcher Career Pathways



Announcing a new series of reports comprising NHMRC's Investigating Clinician Researcher Career Pathways research project that was completed earlier this year.

This multi-year research project was commissioned by NHMRC's Health Translation Advisory Committee to examine the issues and opportunities in the training and career pathways for medical, nurse, allied health and midwife clinician researchers in Australia.

A workforce survey and in-depth telephone interviews made it clear that clinician researchers in Australia experience a number of challenges throughout their careers, including accessing suitable mentors and finding protected time for research activities. We also found better clinician researcher workforce data are needed, such as rates of attraction and retention of clinician researchers, something NHMRC will seek to improve in collaboration with regulating bodies.

[Download Summary report here](#) - providing an overview of the study's key findings and recommendations.

Link to full publications on the [NHMRC website](#)

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/investigating-clinician-researcher-career-pathways/>

RACP MyCPD program upgrade

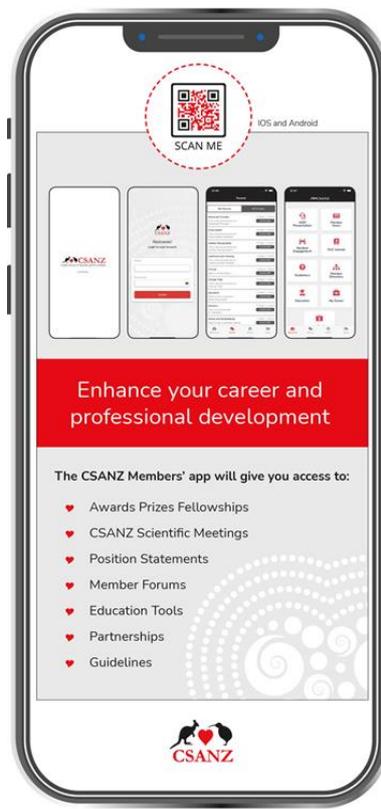
The RACP MyCPD program has introduced changes that will assist participants with recording their CPD.

- Notifications – just like social media apps, you will now get now get notifications when logging into MyCPD advising of key dates, and other CPD related information.
- Badges – provide a quick and easy snapshot of completed and remaining requirements so that you can track your progress in real-time.
- Integration with our Online Learning platform – educational activities completed via our Online Learning platform will now automatically record to your CPD record.
- You can now record activities in 30-minute increments.
- Professional Development Planning e.g., linking goals, activities to your PDPs using a more intuitive system.



Please contact the CPD Team if you have any questions or suggestions for future enhancements.

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Research Reviews

[Cardiology Research Review Issue 139](#), with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena.

[Heart Failure Research Review, Issue 62](#), with commentary by Prof Andrew Coats.

[Cardiology Practice Review Issue 14](#), with commentary by Dr Janette Tenne.

[Study Review Thromboembolism bleeding and vascular death in nonvalvular AF](#) with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena.

[Lipids in Review](#), with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena.

[AHA 2021 Conference Review](#) with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena.

Upcoming Events

AUSTRALIA

HEART 2022 | 22 - 23 JANUARY 2022 | SYDNEY

The Higher Education in cARdiology Training (HEART) Advanced Course for cardiology advanced trainees is now set to go ahead on 22 - 23 January 2022 at the Hilton Sydney.

[Read more about the program here](#) [Register Now](#)

20th ECHO AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE | 14-16 FEBRUARY 2022 | GOLD COAST

The 20th Anniversary of the Echo Australian Conference to be held in the Gold Coast.

[See the Program](#) | [Read more and register](#)

4 CORNERS OF CARDIOLOGY MEETING | 18 - 19 FEBRUARY 2021 | SYDNEY

This meeting focuses on Arrhythmias, Heart Failure, Risk and Prevention Factors and Acute Coronary Syndrome.

Invited Speakers include many CSANZ Members.

[Read more and register](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ACC.22 | 2 - 4 APRIL 2022 | BOSTON & VIRTUAL

[Plan your program](#) | [Read more and register here](#)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HEART LUNG TRANSPLANTATIONS | 27 - 30 APRIL | BOSTON USA

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[See the Program](#) | [Read more and register](#)

ESC CONGRESS 2022 | 26 - 29 AUGUST | BARCELONA

Abstracts and Registration are now open

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[Visit the CSANZ Events Calendar to view more](#)

Career Opportunities

Please see the latest career opportunities listed below:

AUSTRALIA

[Senior Staff Specialist / Staff Specialist, Cardiologist – Mackay, QLD](#)

[Director of Cardiology – Werribee, VIC](#)

[Associate Cardiologists – Wide Bay, Bundaberg or Hervey Bay, QLD](#)

[Cardiologist \(non-invasive\) – Melbourne, VIC](#)

NEW ZEALAND

[ECHO Cardiologist – Dunedin, NZ](#)

[Interventional Cardiologist – Christchurch, NZ](#)

[Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cardiology – Bay of Plenty, NZ](#)

INTERNATIONAL

[2023 CSANZ-UK Interventional Fellowship](#) South Manchester, UK

[2023 ANZET-UK Fellowships](#) Leeds General Infirmary, UK

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