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HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY | #IWD2024



8 March 2024 Happy International Women's Day!

This year the #IWD2024 theme is #EachforEqual, calling for a gender-equal world. At CSANZ we celebrate all the achievements of women in cardiology, and continue to advocate for gender equality. If you missed the latest article on our [CSANZ Women in Cardiology: read it here](#).

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS | CLOSING MONDAY MARCH 11



CSANZ 2024

72ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
OF THE CARDIAC SOCIETY OF
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
HOSTED BY CSANZ WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1 – 4 AUGUST 2024

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ANZET24

18th Annual
Australia & New Zealand
Endovascular Therapies Meeting

Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 August 2024
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

www.anzet.com.au

Last days to click **SUBMIT** on your abstracts!

See the links below to read more and get your important research in front of the experts at the 2024 CSANZ ASM, ISHR ASM and ANZET Meetings in Perth 1-4 August 2024!

CSANZ

- [Ralph Reader Prize in Basic & Translational Science](#)
- [Ralph Reader Prize in Clinical Science](#)
- [2024 CSANZ ASM PRIZE submission criteria and eligibility can be viewed here.](#)

NB: abstracts can be submitted for one or more of the Prizes however the work may only be presented in one prize final session.

[Submit CSANZ Abstract](#)

ANZET

- [Early Career Research Award](#)
- [Geoff Mews Memorial Fellows' Prize](#)
- [Best Interventional Imaging Competition](#)

NB: Prize submissions for the Geoff Mews Memorial Fellows' Prize and Best Interventional Imaging Award are not due un 12 June 2024.

[Submit ANZET Abstract](#)

[View ISHR Prizes information here.](#)

View all the [2023 CSANZ ASM, ISHR and ANZET Meeting and highlights here](#) including links to prize winners and abstracts as published in the Heart, Lung and Circulation Journal.

Abstracts closing on Monday 11 March 2024 at 8PM (AEDT)

[SEE YOU IN PERTH - CHECK OUT THE VIDEO](#)



INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL CARDIOVASCULAR GENETICS | 8-10 MAY | BRISBANE

Join us in Brisbane for the ICCG2024 Conference. The program is looking terrific starting with an education day on Wednesday 8 May, followed by two full days of presentations, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 May.

Check out the [full program on the website](#) - talk topics include but not limited to:

- Inherited cardiomyopathies: what's new?
- New Australian initiatives in familial hypercholesterolaemia
- Cardiovascular genomics in 2024
- Intersection of imaging and genetics in cardiomyopathies
- Utility of genetic testing - across the lifespan
- Genomics and therapeutics - the time is now
- Plus The Great Debate! Patients should (only) be seen in a specialised multidisciplinary clinic. Are you For or Against? LISTEN AND LEARN as the experts battle it out!

It's a great opportunity to refresh your skills and hear more about the rapidly growing impact of genetics in cardiology practice, resulting in more precise diagnosis, guiding therapies, informing prognosis, screening families, and influencing reproduction decisions.

All presenters are experts in their field.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES 11 MARCH 2024!

<https://www.iccgconference.com/registration/register-now/>



NZ TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS | CSANZ NZ ASM | 13-15 JUNE 2024

The New Zealand Regional Committee will provide up to 12 scholarships to **NZ CSANZ Members** to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting in Christchurch from 13-15 June 2024.

Apply here for a NZ travelling scholarship to the CSANZ NZ ASM - deadline has been extended to 5pm (NZDT) Thursday 14 March 2024.

All CSANZ members are invited to the Meeting: CSANZ NZ ASM Convenor Dr Christina Chan invites all CSANZ members to join the NZ Annual Scientific Meeting; *"We are so looking forward to hosting you and sharing our regenerated city. The program will feature renowned international, national and local speakers, who will share their experience and insights, and debate the dilemmas in clinical cardiology that we face in daily practice."*



CSANZ New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting

Te Pae, Christchurch | 13-15 June 2024

www.csanzasm.nz

Read more and register for the meeting here.

HEART, LUNG and CIRCULATION (HLC) - What's in February edition

Childhood-onset Heart Disease: Announcing a Blueprint for Optimising Care in Australia

The Australian National Standards of Care for Childhood-onset Heart Disease (CoHD) were launched in early February 2024, and **the full set of Standards are now published in Heart, Lung and Circulation**.

Led by Sholler and Selbie, the authorship group of the Standards' aim is to enable all Australian patients, families and carers affected by CoHD to "live their best and healthiest lives". Among the 12 standards, transition to adult care, mental health and psychological care, and neurodevelopmental and neurocognitive care, are highlighted for special mention in an **invited linked Editorial by Celermajer**. Overall, these National Standards of Care present a new paradigm in health care, whereby healthcare professionals, governments and consumers work together to optimise patient care. Further, Celermajer suggests that the Standards could evolve as a "living document" to address further relevant topics, such as prevention of acquired heart disease.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04355-X/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04355-X/fulltext)

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(24\)00045-3/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(24)00045-3/fulltext)



Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Not Such a Rare Disease?

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)—a primary genetic disorder characterised by progressive left ventricular hypertrophy and sudden death—may not be a rare disease, suggest Playford and colleagues. In a comprehensive, 2001-2019 screen of more than 300,000 echocardiographic reports in the National Echo Database Australia (NEDA), they found that about 3% of men and 1.7% of women met criteria for phenotypical HCM; that is, about 17 men and 8 women per 10,000 population, aged ≤ 50 years. Given that HCM is likely to be more common than previously prescribed, seeking a definitive diagnosis early to reduce the risk of developing heart failure early or dying prematurely seems warranted, particularly with expanding treatment options already here or on the horizon.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04420-7/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04420-7/fulltext)

Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy: Can Medicare Benefits Criteria Keep up to the Pace?

There is a mismatch between evidence-based international recommendations and current Australian Medicare Benefits Schedule criteria for cardiac resynchronisation therapy (CRT), say Roccisano and colleagues. In a Letter to the Editor, they reported that of 100 consecutive patients who underwent CRT implantation at a single tertiary hospital, just over half fulfilled the Medicare Benefits Schedule criteria for CRT. However, those who did not meet the MBS criteria did have clinical criteria in line with European Society of Cardiology (ESC) recommendations, including in patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction ($<40\%$). They say the ESC criteria do fulfil cost-effectiveness and quality-of-life improvement standards, and hope that Medicare can contemporaneously evolve to promote consistent access to CRT throughout the Australian healthcare system.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04466-9/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04466-9/fulltext)

Compiled by Dr Ann Gregory, Commissioning Editor, Heart, Lung and Circulation

AMENDMENTS TO MBS | 1 MARCH 2024

1 March 2024 amendments to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) are now available on MBSonline. The following links will clarify the upcoming changes:

- [The XML data file](#)
- [Complete MBS Book \(pdf\) for 1 March](#)
- [The item map and item descriptors](#)
- [Factsheets on individual changes](#)



NEW MBS ITEM | GENETIC STRESS TEST | 1 MARCH 2024

A new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item will be introduced for exercise ECG stress testing for patients under investigation, monitoring or treatment for genetic heart disease (channelopathy) diagnoses, or the first degree relative of patients with confirmed genetic heart disease.

Dr Belinda Gray, Chair of the Cardiovascular Genetic Diseases Council at CSANZ proposed and supported the Medical Services Advisory Committee Executive in December 2022. It was approved for funding by Government as part of the 2023-24 Budget.

[See fact sheet here](#)

AMENDMENTS TO PBS | 1 MARCH 2024

Please find the latest relevant update to the PBS below:

Chronic heart failure

Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®) (10 mg tablet) is now listed on the PBS for the treatment of chronic heart failure where the patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction of greater than 40%. Prescriptions for treatment are Authority Required (STREAMLINED).

Download FAQs from Services Australia

Services Australia has a broad range of educational resources on the Health Professional Education Resources website, including simulations, podcast and an infographic on the Online PBS Authorities system (click on the link below).

<https://hpe.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pharmaceutical-benefits-scheme.html>

Fellows-in-Training CSANZ Heart School Webinars

Welcome to the first of the 2024 CSANZ Heart School webinar series!

A/Prof Adam Nelson presented "diabetes and obesity are cardiovascular therapeutic targets" last night. If you missed it please find the recording here on the [CSANZ Member's Education page](#). (CSANZ login required to view).



The next Heart School webinar is on at **Tuesday 26 March at 7pm (AEDT)**.

Prof Jason Kovacic, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, will be presenting on Coronary artery disease; spontaneous coronary artery dissection.

Topic Title: Dissecting out the Cause, Diagnosis and Optimal Management of SCAD

The presentation will run for about 1 hour (including a Q&A session towards the end).

It is essential to register for the Zoom link. [Click the link to register](#).

Review of International Heart Failure Guidelines ESC v USA

Interesting review recently published on the international heart failure guidelines

by cardiologist A/Prof Gerry Devlin and cardiology pharmacist Johanna Lim.

This review focuses on what is new in the 2023 update to the 2021 European Society of Cardiology (ESC) guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure, compared with the 2022 guideline for the management of heart failure from the American College of Cardiology (ACC), American Heart Association (AHA) and the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA).



[Download pdf here](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY IN A GLOBAL SURVEY

This survey aims concerns the factors influencing the decision to pursue adult congenital heart disease (ACHD) as a career around the globe.

The investigators are focused on gathering insights from cardiologists and trainees regarding their ACHD interest.



ACHD Workforce Global Survey

The primary objective is to understand what motivates physicians to pursue a career in ACHD, and to identify factors that may discourage them from doing so. By examining both the positive and negative forces, they hope to gain a comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence career choices in this field.

This questionnaire will request demographic, and training factors and can be completed in 5-7 minutes.

Principal Investigator Katia Bravo (bravo.katia@mayo.edu)

[Read more and start survey here](#)

This study has been deemed exempt by Mayo Clinic Institutional Review Board (23-006759).

Research Reviews

Heart Failure Research Review: Issue 83 with commentary by A/Prof Andrew Coats.

AHA 2023 Conference Review, with commentary by Prof John O'Sullivan

Find all the latest Research Reviews on the CSANZ [Notice Board](#)

Upcoming Events

The list below serves to inform our members of upcoming events that we have been asked by members to share with you. *CSANZ is not affiliated with, nor endorses these events, unless otherwise stated at csanz.edu.au*

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

INTRO TO CARDIAC MRI | 23–24 MARCH 2024 | GOLD COAST, QLD

Designed to provide introductory knowledge in cardiac MRI, this course will cover the indications for, and capabilities of, cardiac MRI. CPD points will be awarded for attendance.

[Download flyer](#) and [register here](#).

ACNP CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING SYMPOSIUM & CONFERENCE 5-6 APRIL 2024 | NORTH SYDNEY

The organising committee have developed an innovative and exciting program showcasing advances in medical and nursing care of cardiovascular patients.

[View the preliminary program](#) [Register here](#)

E2P HEART SYMPOSIUM FOR CARDIOLOGISTS | 3-4 MAY 2024 | MELBOURNE

Evidence to Practice invites cardiologists to the Heart Symposium from 3-4 May 2024, Melbourne.

[Read more and register here](#).

CSANZ NSW/ACT EDUCATION DAY | 4 MAY 2024 | SYDNEY

Benefit and learn from engaging speakers and presentations, with session topics including interventional cardiology, imaging, heart failure and cardiomyopathies, and electrophysiology. The Education Day will be held at the Aerial UTS Function Centre from 9.00am to 4.15pm, following by networking after the presentations.

[View the program](#) and [register here](#)

NOVA 2024 | 4-5 MAY 2024 | GOLD COAST

The 2024 Non-Valvular Structural Cardiac Interventions Conference features specialist guest cardiologists from Australia, USA, India and Belgium presenting at the Gold Coast University Hospital. There will be hands-on workshops for training and knowledge sessions and the conference will cater to student clinicians right through to specialist cardiologists.

[Read more and register here](#)

CT COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS | 22 - 26 MAY 2024 | SYDNEY

The HeartScan Institute provide comprehensive CTCA training for Physicians & Radiographers.

[Read more about the next CT Course for Physicians here](#).

Contact khanh@medscan.com.au for more information.

2024 PORT DOUGLAS HEART MEETING & EXPO | 5 - 8 JUNE 2024 | PORT DOUGLAS

Calling all clinical cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, advanced trainees and training fellows in cardiology, sonographers, trainee sonographers, cardiac technicians, cardiac nurses and other allied health professionals.

[Read more and register](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ACC.24 | 6-8 APRIL 2024 | ATLANTA, GA & VIRTUAL

ACC.24 will feature hundreds of educational sessions and late-breaking clinical research across 11 learning pathways.

[Plan your ACC.24 program here](#) [Register here](#)

ISHLT 2024 | 9-13 APRIL 2024 | PRAGUE

The program includes a highlight of the multidisciplinary nature of ISHLT, showcasing the latest scientific advances and groundbreaking research presentations as well as symposia sessions on hot topics of interest.

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

TF* HEART FAILURE 2024 | 11-14 MAY 2024 | LISBON

The HFA Scientific Programme will feature exciting symposia, Guidelines in Practice sessions, as well as debates, Late-Breaking Science, clinical cases and original research.

[Read more and register](#)

[Late breaking science submissions are open until 21 March 2024](#)

***TF* ACNAP 2024 | 14 - 16 JUNE 2024 | POLAND**

Bringing together all healthcare professionals involved in cardiovascular care, clinicians and researchers, highlighting basic principles as well as new scientific developments and technologies. The theme this year is 'Patient-Centred Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Cardiovascular Care'.

[Read more and register.](#)

TF* DENOTES APPLICATION IS OPEN FOR A CSANZ INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP FOR THESE MEETINGS LINK HERE

[Visit the full Events Calendar for 2024!](#)

Career Opportunities

AUSTRALIA

[Non-Interventional Cardiologist, Staff Specialist or Senior Staff Specialist](#) – Mackay, QLD

[Pagent Family Director of Clinical Research, Heart Lung](#) - St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, NSW

[Cardiologist with Imaging sub specialty](#) – Melbourne, VIC

[Cardiologist with interventional, pacing or imaging sub specialty](#) – Riverina, NSW/VIC

Senior Staff Specialist / Staff Specialist, Non-Invasive Cardiology – Rockhampton, QLD

Cardiac Technologist G4, Educator – Austin Hospital, VIC

NEW ZEALAND

Non-Interventional Cardiologist – Gisbourne

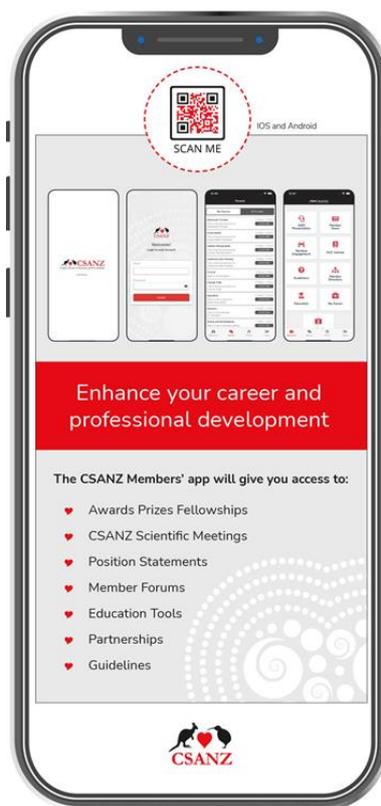
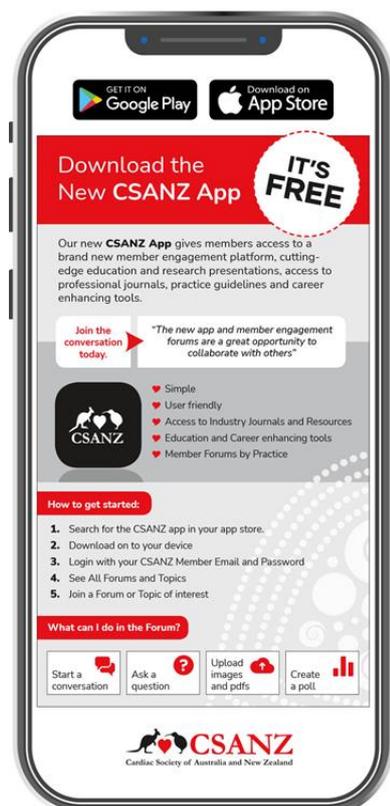
Cardiac Electrophysiologist – Tauranga Hospital, Bay of Plenty

Consultant Cardiologist, Permanent – Nelson Marlborough

Cardiologist – Wellington

Clinical Cardiac Physiologist – Palmerston North

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