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ALL THE BEST FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON | SEE YOU IN 2024!



We hope you enjoy the December On the Pulse the last one for 2023.

Read about our Travelling Fellowship recipients who attended the ESC2023 and the AHA Scientific Sessions in November.

Catch up on the latest Named Lecturer and other updates for the CSANZ ASM to be held in Perth in 1 - 4 August 2024.

The ever popular top downloads for the past year at the Heart, Lung and Circulation Journal.

Plus see what the Women in Cardiology (WiC) Working Group has been busy doing in 2023, plus see more about how to get involved.

Click on the image to [go to the FLIPBOOK](#) for easy reading or [download the pdf version here](#)

MBS UPDATES: Two New Diagnostic imaging services

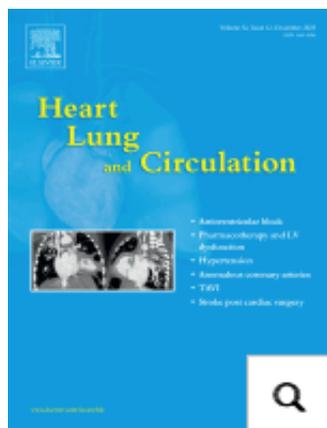
- Commencing 1 July 2024, two new diagnostic imaging MBS abdominal MRI items will be available for patients with a defined rare inherited condition associated with an increased risk of renal tumours, as well as ongoing assessment of changes over time to an existing renal tumour. This implements a recommendation from the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC): [MSAC - 1702 – Abdominal MRI for rare genetic conditions associated with](#)



[increased risk of renal tumours](#)

- The MBS listing for cardiac MRI for myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 immunisation (Item 63399) has been extended until 31 December 2024. MSAC is currently considering cardiac MRI in the diagnosis of myocarditis more broadly, which is anticipated to be considered in April 2024: [MSAC - 1713 – Cardiac MRI in the diagnosis of myocarditis](#).

HLC | What's in the DECEMBER 2023 edition?



Anticoagulation During PCI: Is It Time for RCTs?

Unfractionated heparin (UFH) has been the preferred anticoagulant in percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) for over 40 years, say Al-Mukhtar and colleagues. Recently, they surveyed interventional cardiologists in Australia and New Zealand and found that, while this practice is indeed standard, there's a lot of variation in not only how much (and when) UFH is used in PCI, but also whether (and when) activated clotting time is measured. Al-Mukhtar et al. say their survey results reflect variations in international guidelines and the findings of past studies and meta-analyses. They call for further randomised controlled trials to guide clinical practice and optimise the clinical

outcomes of contemporary PCI. [https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04362-7/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04362-7/fulltext)

Sudden Death in the Young: Autopsies for Underlying Causes?

One in four cases of young sudden death have more than one potential primary cause of their death identified, according to Paratz and colleagues. In an analysis of 3 years of data from the End Unexplained Cardiac Death (EndUCD) Registry, they determined, among other things, that comprehensive autopsy remains the gold standard investigation in this circumstance, complemented by other data such as, from post-mortem whole-body CT scanning, and biochemical and toxicological assessment. Paratz et al. say identifying all contributors to a sudden death is important, especially as diagnoses may carry important implications for surviving family members. [https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04398-6/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04398-6/fulltext)

After SCAD: What Could Standard Care in Recovery Look Like?

Not only physical but also emotional recovery is important for patients after spontaneous coronary artery dissection. So say Turner and colleagues, who conducted a comprehensive literature review that identified, and then examined the findings of, five studies involving 447 patients after SCAD. They suggest that the ideal recovery program would reflect the patients' preference for tailored cardiac rehabilitation and web-based resources, both specifically designed for SCAD. For example, with respect to emotional recovery, cognitive behavioural therapy-based groups and online peer support have been shown to benefit patients with spontaneous coronary artery dissection (SCAD) and could be integrated into standard care. [https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(23\)04367-6/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(23)04367-6/fulltext)

These highlights and more are [available online now in the December 2023 edition of Heart, Lung and Circulation](#).

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NHF NZ Research funding opportunities

The National Heart Foundation of New Zealand is now calling for research funding applications for their numerous grant on offer.

[Download this information sheet here](#) to learn all about the different grants open to you now, how to apply and guidelines.



For more information review <https://heartnz-cp.enquire.cloud/rounds>



American College of
Cardiology (ACC) - Atlanta
Georgia, US 6 - 8 April 2024



International Society for
Heart Lung Transplantation
(ISHLT) - Prague, Czech
Republic 10 - 13 April 2024

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Australia : 22 Dec 2023 - 2 Jan 2024

New Zealand : 22 Dec 2023 - 3 Jan 2024

Latest Device Alerts

Latest Device Alerts on the links below from the Australia New Zealand Cardiac Device Advisory and Complication Committee (ANZCDACC).

Boston Scientific Model 3120 Zoom Programmer running software Model 2892 (December 2023)

- *Incorrect dates are displayed on certain pacemaker models using the Model 3120 Zoom (TM) programmer following January 10, 2024.*

Boston Scientific INGENIO family pacemakers (December 2023) - update to previous (June 2021)

- *New data and recommendations for remaining Boston Scientific INGENIO (tm) devices*

Update to risk of reduced or low energy shocks with a subset of Medtronic defibrillators

- *Increased potential for reduced energy or no energy delivered during high voltage therapy when programmed AX > B*

Research Reviews

Heart Failure Research Review: Issue 82, with commentary by Dr Mark Nolan.

Find all the latest Research Reviews in **Notice Board** on the CSANZ Member News page (login required)

Upcoming Events

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

4CC | 16 - 17 FEBRUARY 2024 | MELBOURNE, VIC

The focus of 4C Cardiology 2024 will be on high-level updates, debates, hot topics and future research directions in four key areas of cardiovascular medicine.

Submit your abstract [Read more and register](#)

INTERNATIONAL SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST & SPORTS SYMPOSIUM | 1 - 3 MARCH 2024 | LORNE, VIC

Note for the Diary - details for registration will be available soon.

INTRO TO CARDIAC MR | 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 MR. CPD points will be awarded for attendance.

Register your interest here and further details will be sent to you directly.

ICCG | 8 - 10 MAY 2024 | BRISBANE, QLD

Call for Abstracts is now open and will close on 28 February 2024.

Read more about the **International Speakers - here**

2024 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** (see article above special offer for FIT registrations).

INTERNATIONAL

ADVANCED CARDIOLOGY INTERVENTION (ACI) | 31 JAN - 2 FEB 2024 | LONDON & FREE LIVE STREAM

Join the British Cardiovascular Intervention Society's (BCIS) flagship conference Advanced Cardiovascular Intervention (ACI) in London or stream **LIVE for free** - the ACI will have a hybrid setup with a live stream available to **watch on the BCIS ACI 2024 app for international delegates** **Read more about the program and register here.**

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

If you've had an abstract accepted for this Meeting, don't forget to apply for the Travelling Fellowship available, special criteria applies **see more here**

Plan your ACC.24 program here **Read more and register here**

*** ISHLT 2024 | 9 - 13 APRIL 2024 | PRAGUE**

Read more about the Scientific Program, which will highlight the multidisciplinary nature of ISHLT, showcasing the latest scientific advances and groundbreaking research presentations as well as symposia sessions on hot topics of interest.

Registration opens January 2024

APSC-ECS 2024 | 3 - 5 MAY 2024 | DUBAI

Abstracts are open for submission. **Read more and register**

HEART FAILURE 2024 | 11 - 14 MAY 2024 | LISBON

Submit your Abstract or Clinical Case NOW! Closing 11 Jan 2024. The HFA Scientific Programme will feature exciting symposia, Guidelines in Practice sessions, as well as debates, Late-Breaking Science, clinical cases and original research.

*** DONT FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS**

Visit the CSANZ Events Calendar for 2024!

Career Opportunities

AUSTRALIA

Cardiac Imaging Fellowship/Junior Consultant – Hervey Bay & Bundaberg, QLD

Staff Specialist in Cardiology – John Hunter and Belmont Hospitals, Newcastle, NSW

Cardiologist – Toowoomba, QLD

Electrophysiologist / Cardiologist – Toowoomba, QLD

Interventional Cardiologist – Toowoomba, QLD

NEW ZEALAND

Interventional Cardiologist – Whangārei Hospital

Cardiologists - Nelson

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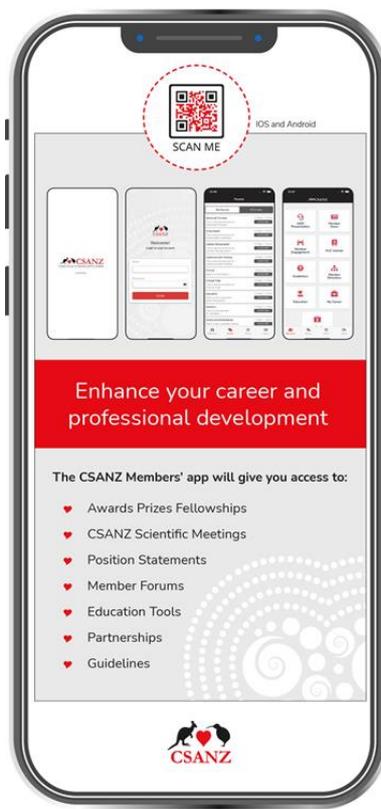
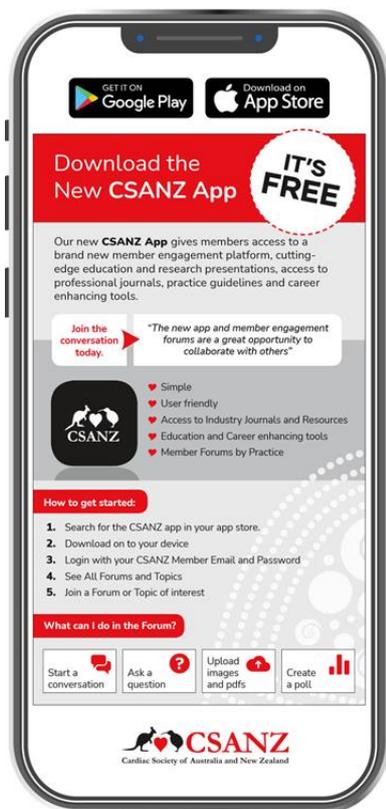
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