



eNews

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR CSANZ 2024



Enjoy the welcome from Prof David Playford and Prof Girish Dwivedi, talking about all the program highlights for the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting in Perth.

[REGISTER FOR CSANZ](#)

[REGISTER FOR ANZET](#)

WE ARE CARDIOLOGY PHOTOS PLEASE!

We invite you to send in your photos for the CSANZ booth! In situ at work, or a group image of colleagues working together all are welcome! We want to build a wall of "Faces of CSANZ" to celebrate and unite the cardiology community.

Please forward your images to libby.stavrinos@csanz.edu.au.

WHAT'S ON for our Cardiovascular Nurses at the CSANZ ASM

Highlights in Cardiovascular Nursing 2024 CSANZ ASM



CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING CSANZ 2024

Prof Caleb Ferguson
Cardiovascular Nursing
National Stream Lead

Nurse Practitioner Symposium 2024 CSANZ ASM



CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING CSANZ 2024

Dr Nilufeur McKay
Cardiovascular Nursing Local Stream Lead

Hear the **Cardiovascular Nursing Program highlights from Prof Caleb Ferguson** including the who's who of speakers we have coming to Perth and a program not to be missed!

Also **Dr Nilufeur McKay tells us all about the exciting Nurse Practitioner Symposium** on the Thursday 1 August 2024. **Download the program for the Symposium here** book in during the registration process when booking and we'll look forward to seeing you all there!

CSANZ FIT Heart School Webinar - TUES 14 MAY | 7:30PM (AEST)

The next SCCT webinar to be presented is on: **Tuesday 14 May 2024 from 7.30 pm (AEST)**

CTCA #1: Basics of CCTA acquisition, patient preparation, scan protocols and interpretation

Presenter: Dr James Otton & Dr Ryan Shulman

Chair: A/Prof Dennis Wong

The Zoom presentation will run for about 1 hour (including a Q&A session at the end) and **registration is essential**.



If you missed any previous webinars find them here: [CSANZ Education \(member login required\)](#).

ACC CSANZ Weight Management Master Class



CSANZ in collaboration with the American College of Cardiology (ACC), invited CSANZ expert faculty to take part in a Weight Management Masterclass held last week in Sydney and Brisbane. The half-day program aimed to enhance clinician knowledge in managing high-risk patients through effective weight management strategies in Australia and New Zealand.

The ACC presenters were Dr Pamela Morris, MD, Professor of Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC and Dr Neda Rasouli, MD, UC Health Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology Clinical Trial Program, Endocrinologist. The feedback from them and all those who attended was fantastic.

Two expert endocrinologists were invited as opening speakers for each Master Class. Prof John Prins, Australian Health Research Alliance Chair spoke in Sydney and Dr Tom Dover Director of Endocrinology, Ipswich Hospital opened the Brisbane Master Class. Thank you also to Prof Stephen Nicholls who chaired the Sydney session and Prof Will Parsonage chair of the Brisbane session.

(1) Dr Neda Rasouli presenting in Sydney.

(2) Pictured top right (l-r) Dr Neda Rasouli, Dr Pamela Morris, Dr Tom Dover and Prof Will Parsonage.

(3) Prof John Prins presenting in Sydney.

(4) Dr Pamela Morris presenting in Brisbane.

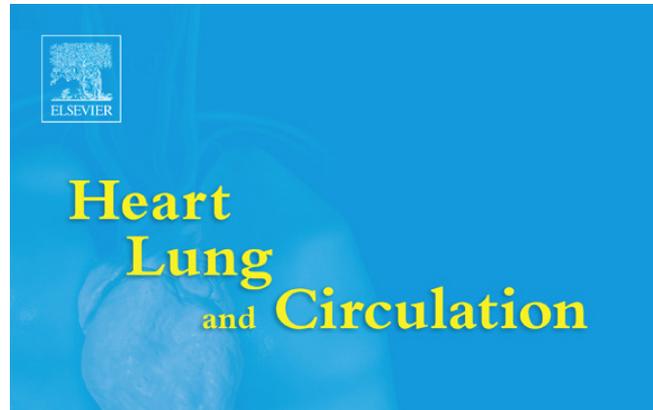
Latest Journal Articles from Heart, Lung and Circulation (HLC)

Cardiac Amyloidosis: New Treatments Hold Promise for Early Intervention

A 2024 Australia–New Zealand Expert Consensus Statement on Cardiac Amyloidosis (CA) is now published in Heart, Lung and Circulation. CA is a multi-system condition in which amyloid proteins deposit in multiple organs, including the heart, where this infiltration can lead to symptoms of heart failure, conduction block, and arrhythmias.

Endorsed by CSANZ, and co-authored by Bart, Fatkin, Thomas, and others, the Statement outlines recent advances in non-invasive diagnosis, and targeted, disease modifying therapies, including gene editing techniques. The Statement advocates for early referral to a specialist amyloidosis centre for advanced testing and therapy, and active enrolment into clinical trials.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(24\)00123-9/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(24)00123-9/fulltext)



Robotic-Assisted PCI: Initial Australian Clinical Experience

As part of the run-in phase for an upcoming randomised clinical trial, Sydney-based researchers have reported their early experience with robotic-assisted percutaneous coronary intervention (R-PCI). All procedures—in 21 patients with a total of 24 lesions—were performed with the CorPath GRX second-generation robot; and, in most cases, were safe and effective, with manual conversion required in four cases. Robotic assistance is designed to allow “millimetre”, and thus more accurate, manipulation via the operator touchscreen; however, some manual inputs at the patient bedside are still necessary, such as when achieving vascular access and performing diagnostic angiography. Among their findings, the researchers observed a short learning curve; with increasing operator and assistant experience, there was less radiation exposure.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(24\)00049-0/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(24)00049-0/fulltext)

Before Cardiac Catheterisation: To Fast or Not To Fast?

Although cardiac catheterisation is recognised as the current gold standard test for diagnosing and managing carotid artery disease what is less established is whether fasting is necessary before the procedure. A single-centre prospective cohort study conducted at the Auckland City Hospital, New Zealand (and during the COVID-19 pandemic, no less), has determined that the local policy of no longer fasting patients before the procedure was well-regarded and preferred by the surveyed patients themselves, and seemed safe. The study authors said larger, multicentre studies would be warranted to support an international policy change from fasting to not fasting before cardiac catheterisation.

[https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506\(24\)00004-0/fulltext](https://www.heartlungcirc.org/article/S1443-9506(24)00004-0/fulltext)

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

LAST DAYS TO REGISTER | ICCG 2024 | 8-10 MAY | BRISBANE

If you're coming to Brisbane next week - it's not too late to register for the ICCG 2024?

Check out the [full program here](#).

Don't miss the opportunity to broaden your knowledge 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.



[Read more about the expert presenters attending.](#) [REGISTER NOW!](#)

APHRS 2024 | ABSTRACTS EXTENDED TO 19 MAY 2024



The upcoming 2024 APHRS Scientific Sessions are to be held in Australia for the first time in almost 10 years. The program aims to deliver a meeting that encompasses the latest advancements in electrophysiology over recent years and sets the stage for the future technological, clinical, and research breakthroughs in the field of arrhythmia.

[Submit your Abstract](#) and get your work in front of the experts!

The Program will include representation from key sectors such as AF/Anticoagulation, AF, VT, Genetics, Paediatrics and Sports Arrhythmias. [Read more](#)

CHANGES TO THE PBS | 1 MAY 2024

Please find link following relating to new and amended Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listings implemented on **1 May 2024**.

[Download the pdf here.](#)



Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) | Statutory Advisory Committees for 2025.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has recently commenced the recruitment process for statutory advisory committee positions that will become vacant on 31 December 2024.

For more information, listen to the recorded [webinar here](#).

Further information regarding the [statutory advisory committees](#), along with the requirements for applying, can be found on their website.

Closing date for applications is 11.30pm, Sunday 26 May 2024.

Further enquiries can be made via email to committee.vacancies@health.gov.au



Seeking members for Advisory Committees

TGA: Proposed changes to the regulation of exempt medical devices and exempt Other Therapeutic Goods

The TGA public consultation in relation to proposed changes to the regulation of exempt medical devices and exempt Other Therapeutic Goods is now open.

Recent work undertaken to refine the regulation of medical devices in Australia has led to an increase in the use of exemptions to remove barriers to supply where appropriate. These changes have highlighted regulatory issues and risks associated with the use of exemptions. Feedback from external stakeholders indicates in many cases the current arrangements for exempt medical devices and OTGs are not fit-for-purpose, and a review is required to ensure appropriate regulation for these kinds of products.

This consultation paper seeks feedback on the proposed changes and their application to existing exemptions. Provide your views via the consultation link: [Proposed changes to the regulation of exempt medical devices and exempt Other Therapeutic Goods - Therapeutic Goods Administration - Citizen Space](#) (tga.gov.au).

The consultation will close on 9th June 2024.

EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE EOI | ACvA

Expressions of Interest are called for early or mid-career researchers to join the Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) Emerging Leaders Committee.

All applications should be submitted to acva@ozheart.org by COB Friday 17 May 2024.

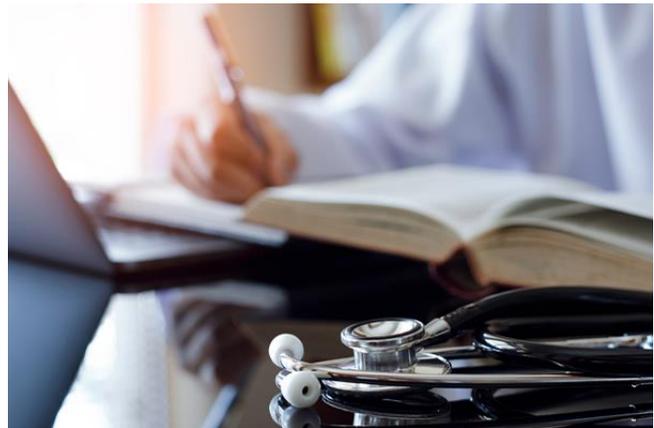
[Read here to learn about eligibility criteria and how to apply.](#)

For further information please contact the Chair, ACvA Emerging Leaders Committee, [Dr. Niamh Chapman](#).



Call for Papers on Global Cardiovascular Health for JACC: Advances

JACC: Advances is calling for papers on “Promoting Global Cardiovascular Health” as part of the journal’s commitment to provide a venue for researchers to share work in the field. The journal is particularly interested in original research, research letters, state-of-the-art reviews that address cardiovascular health in low- and middle-income countries, comparative analysis of cardiovascular disease incidence in different regions, and innovations in cardiovascular care and prevention in specific populations. [More information can be found here.](#)



[Please submit papers by June 15 via the online submission portal here: JACC: Advances \(jaccsubmit-advances.org\)](#)

LEVEL A Cardiac CTA Training | 27/29 MAY – 1 JUNE 2024 | MELBOURNE

Join the full 6 day training course at the Victorian Heart Hospital, Melbourne from 27 May – 1 June 2024 OR the 4 day refresher course from 29 May – 1 June 2024.

The course will include exposure to and experience in cardiac CT imaging, coronary artery disease with catheter correlation, congenital heart disease and acquired non-coronary artery disease.

A promotional graphic for the Level A Cardiac CTA Training course. It features the logos for Monash Health Heart, Monash University, and Monash Victorian Heart Institute. The text reads 'Level A Cardiac CTA Training on Aquilion ONE PRISM Edition'. Below this, there are three bullet points: '• 1:1 physician to workstation ratio', '• CSANZ Level B faculty', and '• Learn on Vitrea and Aquilion ONE PRISM'. To the right of the text is a photograph of a CT scanner's gantry and patient table.

[Download the course outlines here](#) [Register your interest now](#)

SURVEYS | HAVE YOUR SAY!

The International cardio-oncology society (ICOS) is trying to understand the global picture of

cardio-oncology training and research opportunities for cardiology trainees.

We hope to use the results of this short (3min) survey to improve cardio-oncology education and career opportunities for current cardiology trainees worldwide. ICOS is very grateful for your help in our endeavour to improve cardio-oncology training!

For enquiries about the survey, contact Rhys.gray1@nhs.net

Please click this link to complete the short 3min google forms survey.

Invitation to participate: Training and competency of Australian acute care nurses in electrocardiogram interpretation: a nationwide study.

This survey (Phase I) explores Australian nurse educators' expectations, training, and assessments of acute care nurses' competency in electrocardiogram (ECG) interpretation. For this research study, a nurse educator is an umbrella term that denotes nurses with a portfolio or job description of providing education to nurses in a hospital setting. Your answers may inform the development of an ECG assessment tool, which will be distributed to Australian acute care nurses in Phase II to assess their competency in ECG interpretation.

Start the Australian Nurse Educator ECG Survey here - the survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

For any questions please contact: **Dr Yingyan Chen, Chief Investigator/Project Lead.**

This study was approved by the Human Research Ethics Committees of the University of the Sunshine Coast (A231898).

2023 Annual Status Report | National Cardiac Registry

The National Cardiac Registry (NCR) recently published its 2023 Annual Status Report, which presents data on PCI procedures from across the country, reflecting the activity of 57 contributing hospitals. The report was launched through an online and in person event, with excellent attendance from CSANZ members. **For those that could not make it, a recording of the event can be found here, together with the Report and a number of related factsheets.**

Register Now and view the Program on the link below



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](#)

Research Reviews

[Cardiology Research Review, Issue 162](#), with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena

[Heart Failure Research Review, Issue 85](#), with commentary by Prof John Coats

[Heart Failure Practice Review, Issue 3](#), with commentary by Dr Janette Tenne

[Cardiology Research Review NZ, Issue 112](#), with commentary by Prof Alexander Sasse

[Heart Failure WATCH 1: STRONG HF - overcoming inertia](#), with presentation by Dr Adam Nelson

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

LEVEL A Cardiac CTA Training | 27/29 MAY – 1 JUNE 2024 | MELBOURNE

Join the full 6 day training course at the Victorian Heart Hospital, Melbourne from 27 May – 1 June 2024 OR the 4 day refresher course from 29 May – 1 June 2024.

[Course outline here](#) [Register your interest now](#)

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](#)

CMR AUSTRALIA | 25 MAY 2024 | SYDNEY

Full day of education for Advanced Trainees/ Radiographers and Cardiologists/Radiologists at the Kerry Packer Education Centre, RPAH, Camperdown. International Faculty: Prof Vivek Muthurangu and Prof John Greenwood

[Read more and register](#)

PRIMARY ALDOSTERONISM SYMPOSIUM | 13 NOV 2024 | ADELAIDE & VIRTUAL

[Practice Pearls and Research Updates in Primary Aldosteronism](#)

1:15 – 5:15PM (ACST)

Adelaide Convention Centre (Virtual Registration also available)

Join for an afternoon of immersive learning at the inaugural NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Primary Aldosteronism Symposium. Experts in the field will share their practice pearls in the diagnosis and management of primary aldosteronism, the most common endocrine cause of hypertension.

[Read more and register: Primary Aldosteronism Symposium – ESA-SRB-ANZBMS 2024](#)

INTERNATIONAL

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](#)

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 for 2024 is 'Patient-Centred Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Cardiovascular Care'.

[Read more and register.](#)

CSANZ NZ ASM | 13 – 15 JUNE 2024 | CHRISTCHURCH

Join your CSANZ colleagues in Christchurch for the NZ ASM.

An exception programme is up on the website, with workshops and training sessions on Thursday 13th with the Scientific Meeting opening on Friday 14th with the Heart Foundation Lecture and Young Investigator Award Finalists.

[View the Programme](#)

[Register now](#)

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

Career Opportunities

AUSTRALIA

[General cardiologist](#) – Melbourne, VIC

[Cardiac Sonographer](#) – Perth, WA

[Staff Specialist Cardiologist](#) – Tweed Valley Hospital, NSW

NEW ZEALAND

[General Cardiologist](#) – Northland

[General Cardiologist](#) – Hamilton

[See all the available opportunities](#)

CSANZ MEMBERS : Connect and join the conversation ...



Tweet Us on [X](#) | Like Us on [Facebook](#) | Follow Us on [Instagram](#)

Connect and network with CSANZ on [LinkedIn](#)

Download [CSANZ App](#) on [IOS](#) or [Android](#) or scan the QR Code above.

Disclaimer: You have been sent this e-mail as a member of CSANZ. The CSANZ provides the above information for the benefit of Members. Unless otherwise stated, CSANZ is not affiliated nor endorses the meetings or courses advertised.

© The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

[Edit your subscription](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)