

E-News: Winter Edition



Welcome to the HBPRCA Winter Edition e-news.

Medicare rebate for diagnosis of high blood pressure using ambulatory blood pressure monitoring:

Over the past three years the HBPRCA have led a proposal to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) to have ambulatory blood pressure monitoring included as a Medicare item number for the diagnosis of high blood pressure. The working group, comprising Geoffrey Head, Anastasia Mihailidou, Michael Stowasser and Markus Schlaich engaged Sue O'Malley from Medical Intelligence to prepare the documentation for MSAC. The HBPRCA Executive is pleased that the MSAC has recommended Medicare reimbursement for ambulatory blood pressure monitoring. This new Medicare Benefits Scheme item is scheduled to commence on 1 November 2021. Click [HERE](#) for HBPRCA press release

HBPRCA Webinars:

The HBPRCA is excited to announce a series of educational webinars which will cover multiple facets of hypertension - from screening and measurement to new therapies, technologies, and guidelines. Each of the 6 Webinars in the series is accredited by the RACGP as a category 2 activity.

CVD in Women Managing different risk impact across the life course

16th of June

Speakers include: Dr. Clare Arnott, A/Prof. Amanda Henry, Dr. Anastasia Mihailidou, Julie-Anne Mitchell, Prof. Markus Schlaich

Click [HERE](#) for full agenda and registration.

Automated BP and Pharmacotherapy

14th of July

Speakers include: Prof. Mark Nelson, Dr. Om Narayan, A/Prof. Ingrid Hopper, Prof. Merlin Thomas, Dr. Anastasia Mihailidou, Dr. Bambi Markus

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Other exciting topics for these upcoming webinars include:

Lifestyle Modification - August

New Technologies in the measurement and management of high blood pressure - September

ABPM - October

Clinical Practice – November

Full agenda and information to follow.

Feel free to email natasha@yoursecretariat.com.au for further information and sponsorship opportunities.

Winter School:

After the success of the inaugural Hypertension Winter School last year, we are delighted to announce that the Hypertension Winter School will be back this year on July 8th and 9th. This year's theme is "Emerging areas and challenges". More information will be communicated soon.

May Measurement Month (MMM21):



After a COVID19-related hiatus May Measurement Month has returned. This year, May Measurement Month has been extended to run anytime between 01 May – 30 November to allow for safer screening, following regional COVID-19 guidelines in over 80 countries.

For more (local) information contact derrin.brockman@uwa.edu.au

MMM Resources

All MMM21 campaign resources are available for download here [Resources – May Measure Month](#). This includes all participant questionnaires in Word and Excel format as well as marketing information, factsheets etc.

MMM at home

If participants are unable to attend a screening centre you can provide this link <https://maymeasure.org/mmm-at-home/> for at home measurements.

Annual Scientific Meeting:

Our 2020 meeting profited from the hard work of the Executive Team led by Francine Marques and Brad Broughton and was highlighted by exceptional presentations by our invited speakers Professor Martha Gulati, Professor Suzanne Cory and Associate Professor Elisabeth Lambert. Click [HERE](#) for a full report.

The HBPRCA Annual Scientific Meeting is back this year from the 8th-10th of December!

Building on our experiences from 2020, this year's meeting will again be held in a virtual format, but we are excited to incorporate state-based hubs in which you and your colleagues will be able to get together to enjoy the ASM collectively. More information will come in due course regarding these hubs so keep an eye on your inbox.

The theme of the program this year is "Prevention". As such, this year's program is set to be jammed packed, including the following distinguished named lecturers:

R.D. Wright Lecturer, [Professor Neil Poulter](#): Professor of Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine at Imperial College London. He is the Chief Investigator of the May Measurement Month.





Colin I Johnston Lecturer [Professor Clara Chow](#): is a Professor of Medicine, in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, Academic Director of the Westmead Applied Research Centre and Academic Co-Director of Charles Perkins Centre Westmead

Austin Doyle Lecturer [Professor Clare Collins](#): is a Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics in the School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle.



Key dates for abstracts are as follows:

Registration and Abstracts open 1st of August

Abstracts close 17th of October

Notification of acceptance / oral vs poster 5th of November

Abstracts withdrawn for non-registration 19th of November

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please email Your Secretariat on admin@yoursecretariat.com.au or phone 02 4356 0007.