



# Join us for an evening of quality education: Troubleshooting tricky persistent pain cases

**Date:**  
Wednesday 20 September 2017

**Time:**  
6.30pm (for a 7.00pm start) - 8.30pm

**Venue:**  
St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane  
411 Main Street Kangaroo Point

**Event details:**  
Includes free buffet dinner,  
guest speaker and presentation

Free parking is available on site

Addressing pain cases in primary care settings can be challenging. Eighty per cent of patients who see a doctor present with pain. Twenty-five per cent of the population suffer pain that persists beyond three months.

Presentations include management of patients on high dose opiates, pain in the morbidly obese, common painful chronic disease management (e.g. osteoarthritis), neuropathic pain and concurrent management of psychiatric comorbidities.

This session aims to increase the understanding of persistent pain and provide clear guidelines as to best evidence-based practice and practical tips on how to manage those issues that can cause your heart to sink.

## Discussion includes:

- What Pain Specialists do and the role of GP Specialist in referral and ongoing management.
- How to explain acute and persistent pain and its investigation and treatment to your patients.
- Interesting case discussions on challenging and common presentations. Attendees are encouraged to share their experiences.

## Speaker: Dr Joann Rotherham

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Dr Joann Rotherham sees patients with all types of chronic pain. She has particular expertise in the holistic treatment and multifaceted management of patients with persistent pain and related psychiatric co-morbidities. Dr Rotherham studied medicine at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK, graduating in 1994. She completed her Fellowship in Pain Medicine at RBWH. She is a member of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Faculty of Pain Medicine, the Australian Pain Society and International Association for the Study of Pain.



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