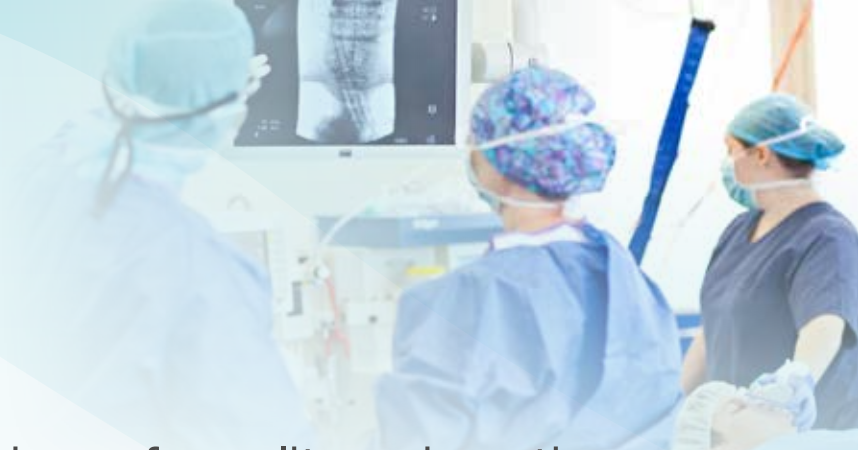




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Interventional pain management in palliative care

Date:
Wednesday,
11 November 2015

Time:
6.30pm (for 7.00pm start) – 8.30pm

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

Event details:
Includes buffet dinner and
guest speaker presentations.
Parking is available on site.

Pain in palliative care patients can usually be managed using conventional oral analgesics and co-analgesics. However, some patients find opioids overly sedating and impair their cognition. These patients can often benefit from interventions such as nerve blocks, intrathecal drug delivery (ITDD) or percutaneous cordotomy.

Some cancer pain remains unrelieved by conventional means and requires interventional cancer pain management techniques, such as neuraxial (epidural, intrathecal and intracerebroventricular drug administration), brachial and lumbar plexus blocks, autonomic blockade, neurolytic blocks and cordotomy.

Their use depends on the availability of interventional pain management according to the setting of care and the availability of skilled and experienced providers.

Discussion includes

- Interventional pain management techniques for the palliative care patient, including the cancer palliative patient.
- The role of the GP specialist, other specialists and the multidisciplinary team.
- The infrastructure needs for an effective interventional pain management service.

Presenters

- **Dr Rohan Vora**
Palliative Medicine Specialist
- **Dr Heidi Feberwee**
Pain Specialist
- **Dr Frank Thomas**
Pain Specialist

Please see overleaf for speaker profiles.



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Interventional pain management in palliative care

Presenting specialist profiles



Dr Heidi Feberwee

Pain Specialist

Special interests: Cancer pain, chronic pain, interventional pain management, neuropathic pain

Dr Feberwee studied medicine at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. She worked in South Africa for two years where she completed a Diploma in Anaesthesia. From there she moved to the United Kingdom where she worked for six months as a House Officer in Urology and General Surgery.

She moved to New Zealand in 2002 and completed training as an Anaesthetic Specialist in Auckland. She completed advanced training in Pain Medicine at The Auckland Regional Pain Service (TARPS) in 2008 and qualified as a Pain Specialist.

Since 2009, Dr Feberwee has worked in Australia as a Specialist in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine. Dr Feberwee is a Senior Lecturer with Griffith University and Honorary Adjunct Assistant Professor at Bond University. Her clinical interests include interventional pain management and neuropathic pain.



Dr Frank Thomas

Pain Specialist

Special interests: Interventional techniques, especially spinal cord and peripheral nerve stimulation

Dr Thomas studied medicine at the University of Otago in New Zealand, graduating with distinction in 1992. He trained in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine and has worked exclusively in pain management since 2003 having held specialist positions at Wellington Hospital, The Royal Brisbane Hospital and was Director of The Persistent Pain Service at The Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane until 2013 when he left to work full time in private practice.

He is currently Director of Pain Management at St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane.

Dr Thomas sees patients with all types of chronic pain. He has particular expertise in the management of back pain, neck pain and headaches.



Dr Rohan Vora

Palliative Medicine Specialist

Special interests: Early referral for palliative care, supportive care, and Aboriginal health

Dr Vora completed his Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery at the University of New South Wales in 1984, was awarded Fellowship with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners in 1992 and Fellowship with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine in 1996.

He completed a Masters in Palliative Care at Flinders University in 2006 and is currently A/Professor at the Griffith and Bond University Schools of Medicine.

Dr Vora has authored and co-authored several journals, books, research monographs and has several research projects underway.

His clinical interests include aboriginal health, emergency care, obstetrics, anaesthetics, ICU, asylum seeker and refugee health.

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