

Internal Medicine Society of Australia and New Zealand (IMSANZ)

Presentation at EFIM General Assembly

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About IMSANZ

IMSANZ was formed in 1997 with the amalgamation of:

- the Australian Society of Consultant Physicians in General Medicine (ASCPiGM), and the
- New Zealand Society of Consultant Physicians in Internal Medicine (NZSCPIM).

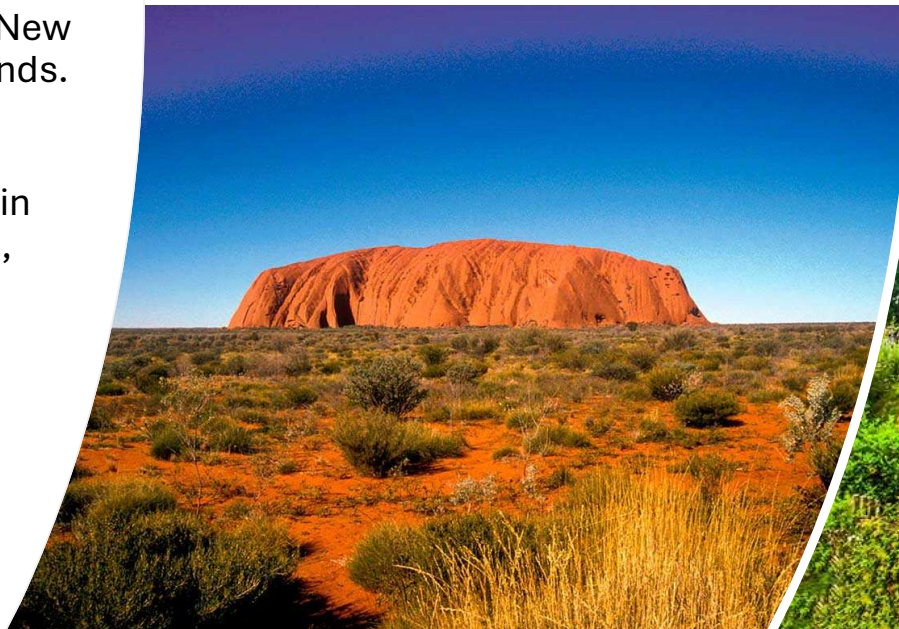
The realisation that general physicians needed a strong united approach to the rigors of the medico-political landscape in both countries led to unity of purpose across the Tasman.



Our Members

IMSANZ represents a diverse community of Consultant Physicians, Advanced Trainees, and healthcare professionals specialising in Internal Medicine, across Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands.

Our members play key roles in hospital care, system reform, medical education, and leadership.



Our Mission

Our mission is:

To advance and promote the practice of internal medicine

We do this through 5 pillars:

- Advance internal medicine practice for excellent patient care
- Facilitate high quality, relevant and accessible education
- Encourage training in internal medicine and address workforce needs
- Advocate on health issues on behalf of general physicians and their patients
- Encourage research



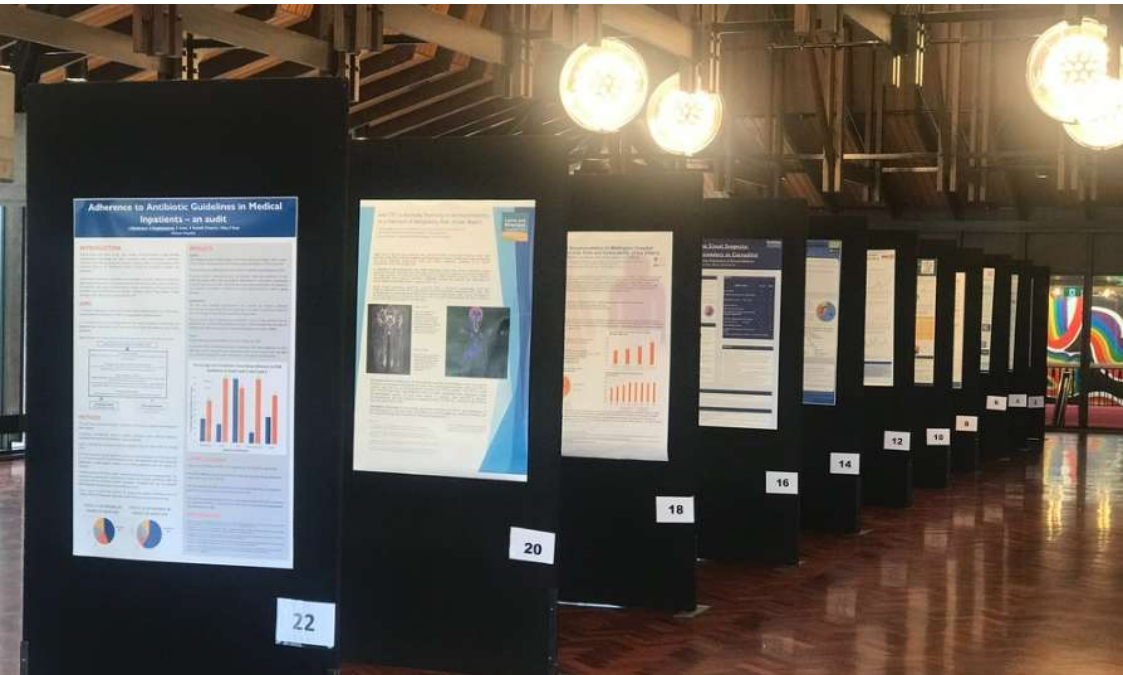
IMSANZ & RACP Partnership

IMSANZ is an independent organisation but maintains a strong relationship with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

This partnership supports our rapidly growing cohort of General and Acute Care Medicine trainees.



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians



What We Do

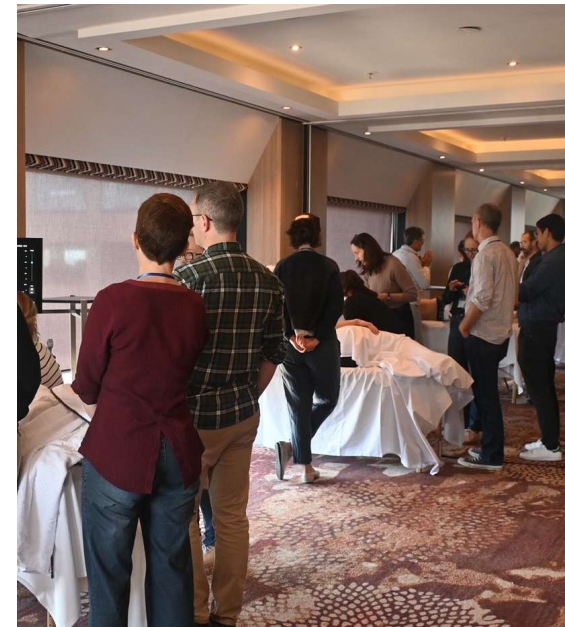
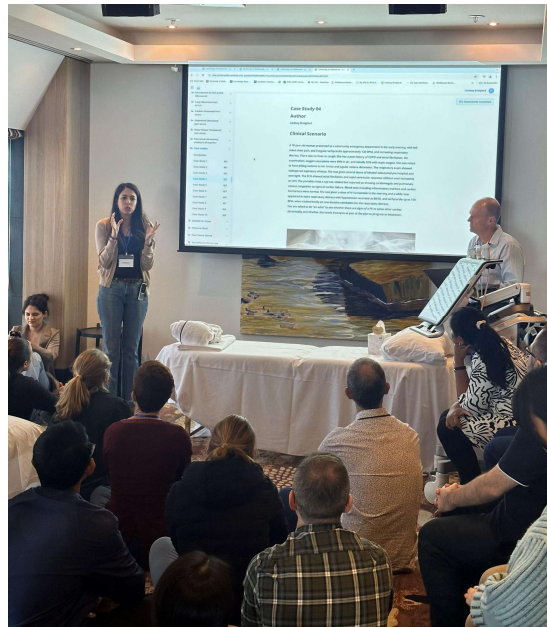
IMSANZ advances General Medicine through:

- Conferences and events
- Professional development and training
- Advocacy and representation
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Supporting trainees
- Research and quality improvement



Conferences & Events

- Australasian Annual Conference (September)
- New Zealand Annual Conference (March)
- Fortnightly educational webinars
- IMSANZ Trainee Days
- Special Interest Group meetings
- Special Interest Workshops
- General & Acute Care Medicine Leaders Forum



Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

IMSANZ SIGs focus on advancing key areas in General Medicine:

- Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS)
- Perioperative Medicine (POMSIG)
- Early Careers Group (ECG)
- Models of Care



Supporting our Trainees

- **Trainee Days** – Held twice a year, providing education, networking, and career development opportunities.
- **VIMG Presentations** – Fortnightly sessions led by advanced trainees to enhance learning and professional growth.
- **Conference Presentations** – Opportunities for trainees to present their research and clinical work at IMSANZ conferences.
- **Trainee Awards** – Recognising excellence including awards for the best trainee presentations



IMSANZ Research Network

Promoting collaborative research in general medicine to improve patient outcomes and the health system.

Since its 2022 launch, the network has published journal articles, endorsed research projects, hosted workshops, and supported trainees.

IMSANZ has endorsed nine research projects, with two receiving MRFF grants from the Australian government.

Advocacy & Representation



Recognition of General
Medicine in healthcare



Representation with health
departments & colleges



Policy contributions for
better patient outcomes

Why Associate Membership with EFIM?

IMSANZ seeks to:

- Strengthen global networks
- Enhance professional development
- Promote research and innovation
- Advance advocacy efforts internationally

IMSANZ is committed to strengthening General Medicine in Australasia and globally.

By joining EFIM, we aim to collaborate, innovate, and advance healthcare excellence together.



Strengthening General Medicine Together

- **Global Collaboration** – IMSANZ is committed to advancing General Medicine in Australasia and beyond through partnership with EFIM.
- **Expanding EFIM's Reach** – IMSANZ can help broaden EFIM's presence in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific.
- **Research Opportunities** – The IMSANZ Research Network is eager to collaborate with clinician researchers across Europe.
- **Engaging with EFIM** – IMSANZ members look forward to contributing to EFIM special interest groups and position statements, bringing a Pacific perspective.
- **Mutual Learning** – IMSANZ welcomes EFIM members to attend our conferences and engage in shared learning.



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