

ADEA Committees, Advisory Groups and Special Interest Groups

ADE Editorial Advisory Group (EAG)

Chair: Kate Marsh

Changes in membership

New members: Thomas Corte, Anne Marks, Nicole Duggan

Thanks and farewell to Glynis Dent who stepped down earlier this year

Current members

- Penelope Barker
- Tom Corte
- Nicole Duggan
- Anne Marks
- Kate Marsh
- Michelle Robins

2015-16 activities and achievements

- Increased involvement of EAG in planning and editing content for each edition
- Production of four themed editions with positive feedback from members
- Increase in articles submitted for publication
- Reader survey distributed in June, awaiting results to help with planning for 2017

Plan for 2016-17 activities

- Plans underway for first ASM-themed edition in November
- Continue themed editions, with themes to be decided based on reader survey
- Decision made to move to fully digital publication from 2017.

Acknowledgement and other comments

Thanks to all of our EAG members who have helped to improve the quality and content of the ADE over the past year.

Also thanks to Vy Le, Annesa Khan and Carlos Gongora (graphic designer) from ADEA for all of their help and support in bringing the publication together.

Useful links

- ADE Editorial Advisory Group: <https://www.adea.com.au/?p=12375371>
- Digital copies of the ADE can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.adea.com.au/?p=4425> (ADEA membership login required)

Clinical Practice Committee (CPC)

Chair: Kate Marsh

Changes in membership

- Denise Smith has retired from the committee as of April 2016.
- Kate Marsh will retire from the committee and chair when her term ends in August.

Current members

- Sandra Crook
- Nicholas Denniston
- Teresa DiFranco
- Rachel Freeman
- Kate Marsh
- Joanne Ramadge
- Peta Tauchmann

2015-16 activities and achievements

Over the past year the CPC has reviewed the following documents:

- *The role of CDEs and APDs in delivering diabetes self-management and nutrition education (joint position statement with DAA)*
- *ADEA Clinical Guiding Principles for Subcutaneous Injection Technique*
- *Patient education for insulin pump therapy (IPT), as part of NDSS's project to deliver client education for adults commencing insulin pump therapy with type 1 diabetes (awaiting final approval)*

Plan for 2016-17 activities

The following documents will be reviewed over the coming year:

- *ADEA National Standards for Diabetes Education Programs*
- *ADEA National Standards for Credentialed Diabetes Educators*
- *ADEA Core Competencies for Credentialed Diabetes Educators*
- *ADEA Code of Conduct*

Useful links

- *The role of CDEs and APDs in delivering diabetes self-management and nutrition education (joint position statement with DAA):*
<https://www.adea.com.au/about-us/policy/position-statements/joint-position-statements>
- *ADEA Clinical Guiding Principles for Subcutaneous Injection Technique:*
<https://www.adea.com.au/about-us/our-publications>

Course Accreditation and Standards of Practice (CASP) Committee

Chair: Karen Crawford

Changes in membership

A number of changes have occurred in committee membership:

- Jane Overland and Rhonda Griffiths both stepped down from the committee along with Jan Alford who retired and subsequently stepped down from the Credentialling Committee.
- Liz Obersteller joined the committee as the incoming chair of Credentialling Committee.
- Sophie McGough (dietitian) and Nicole Frayne (pharmacist) were both appointed following receipt of a number of expressions of interest from members.

The committee now has a broader multidisciplinary representation across its membership.

Current members

- Karen Crawford
- Trisha Dunning
- Nicole Frayne
- Sara Jones
- Sophie McGough
- Elizabeth Obersteller

2015-16 activities and achievements

Ongoing course accreditations following the 1 year provisional accreditations granted in October 2014 to Curtin, Flinders and University of Technology Sydney (UTS), where they each submitted the additional information required in November 2015.

Curtin and UTS fulfilled the requirements and were subsequently granted full accreditation status.

Flinders was assessed to have ongoing issues primarily with the involvement of their Course Advisory Committee (CAC). An additional report about their CAC activities is due to be received by 29 July 2016.

Additional concerns were identified with the Flinders course when changes to the course name and content were inadvertently discovered that had not been notified to CASP. Subsequent discussion and assessment proceeded in January 2016 with Flinders being asked to deliver the course ADEA had previously accredited during the 2016 academic year. Flinders now have the option to apply for accreditation of the new proposed course structure in preparation for the 2017 academic year.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

Student placement concerns continue to challenge all Course Coordinators and CASP plans to continue to support and address these throughout 2016-17.

Review of the mid-term course accreditation requirements will be undertaken in preparation for mid-term reporting due in July 2017.

Four new Course Coordinators have been appointed by universities in 2016. This means additional monitoring by CASP during a period of transition and settling for: UTS, Deakin, Flinders and Southern Cross University.

Acknowledgement

- Jan Alford's tireless commitment and contributions to CASP work over many, many years
- Jane Overland and Rhonda Griffiths contributions to CASP work over recent years also
- ADEA National Office, in particular Rachel Freeman and Kerry Oddy, for their administrative assistance and other input into day-to-day CASP activities

Educational Reference Group (ERG)

Chair: Jan Alford

About ERG

The ERG was found in December, who are working with the ADEA CPD development team to ensure the production of high quality CPD activities that meet the needs of the ADEA membership and that supports the position of the ADEA as the peak body in diabetes education.

Potential CPD activities are, but not limited to:

- Webinars
- Podcasts
- E-learning modules
- Face-to-face events

Current members

- Jan Alford
- Kirrily Chambers
- Rachel Freeman
- Beth Knight
- Vy Le

2015-16 activities and achievements

ERG provided feedback on content of the 'Scope of Practice' webinar series. This series was completed and available on the ADEA E-learning Management System free for all ADEA members.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

Complete and launch the following CPD activities:

- *Vascular disease and diabetes* e-learning module
- *Hearing and diabetes* e-learning module
- *Private practice* webinar series
- Podcast series

Acknowledgement and other comments

Thanks to all of our ERG members (Kirrily Chambers, Beth Knight, Rachel Freeman and Vy Le), who have helped to improve the quality and content of the CPD activities the past year.

Useful link

- ADEA E-learning Management System: <https://learning.adea.com.au>

Endorsement Committee

Chair: Rachel Freeman

About the committee

A new committee formed this year to strengthen the ADEA Endorsement Program for external educational offerings relevant to health professionals in diabetes education. The committee was established in March 2016 and consists of ADEA members from various backgrounds and experience.

- Jan Alford, RN CDE
- Wendy Bryant, RN CDE
- Sandra Crook, RN CDE
- Nicholas Denniston, APD CDE
- Tracy Desborough, RN CDE
- Professor Trisha Dunning, RN CDE
- Julie Kha, Pharmacist CDE
- Elizabeth Obersteller, NP CDE
- Helen Phelan, RN CDE
- Maxine Schlaeppli, NP CDE
- Peta Tauchmann, NP CDE

2015-16 activities and achievements

The committee has been working well so far and has assessed and approved 14 endorsement applications since the committee was established.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

The promotion of the ADEA Endorsement Program is underway and it is hoped that many more organisations will seek ADEA's endorsement for their educational activities and resources. ADEA sets a high standard for diabetes related education for health professionals and endorsing external programs ensures quality education to health professionals working in diabetes education.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to the volunteer committee members for offering their time and expertise to assist in ADEA setting a high standard for its endorsement program.

Useful links

Information regarding the Endorsement Program can be found at <https://www.adea.com.au/?p=6997>

Nominations Committee

Chair: Giuliana Murfet

Purpose of the Committee

The Committee is a sub-committee of the ADEA Board and was established for the purpose of recruiting new board members. The new board positions became available because of the retirement of current members.

The Committee was time limited to manage this process only.

Current members

The members of the Nominations Committee are:

- Steve Brett
- Heike Krausse
- Giuliana Murfet

Activities of the Committee

The Committee oversaw the process for recruiting an independent board director to commence in August 2016. Their process was informed by the ADEA Constitution and By-laws and previous work the board undertook to identify the board skills mix and skill gaps in the current board committee.

Advertisements were placed online with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and 8 applications were received from very well qualified people. 4 candidates whose skills fitted within the identified gaps was shortlisted. Interviews will be conducted and resulted in the recruitment of a new independent director, Robert Biancardi

The Committee also oversaw the process for nomination by members and election of a CDE director, Tracy Tellam

Program Organising Committee (POC) for the Annual Scientific Meeting

Co-chairs: Dr Joanne Ramadge and Elizabeth Obersteller

Changes in membership

Membership of the POC this year has remained stable, with members including, Dr Kirstine Bell, Rachel McKeown, Michelle Tong and the two co-chairs.

Current members

- Joanne Ramadge (Co-Chair)
- Elizabeth Obersteller (Co-Chair)
- Catherine Anderson
- Kirstine Bell
- Rachel Freeman
- Michelle Tong

2015-16 activities and achievements

We adopted an early call for abstract for Symposia, Workshops and Masterclasses, where previously these have been developed and organised by the POC. This proved successful with 13 submissions that covered a range of diverse topics. This new approach will be evaluated by the POC and by members providing evaluations after the Annual Scientific Meeting.

We have promoted the use of more technology including a better, more user friendly conference app and the virtual delivery of a plenary presentation from the UK.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

- Call for new members to join the POC for 2016-17
- Review the role of POC
- Identify and engage exciting national and international plenary speakers
- Explore more innovative approaches to plan for bigger and better ASM.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to all the members of the POC and especially to Elizabeth Obersteller, who also organised the review process for the oral abstracts. Without their input, the ASM would not be the success it is.

Useful links

ADS-ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting:
<http://www.ads-adea.org.au>.

Strategic Plan Committee

Members

- Libby Bancroft (ACT)
- Steven Brett (NSW)
- Brett Fenton (NSW)
- Heike Krausse (QLD)

2015-16 activities and achievement

The current ADEA Strategic Plan 2012-17 will expire at the end of 2016. The Strategic Plan is a high level document that serves as guide for ADEA both in terms of strategic intent and direction. The Strategic Plan is used to construct a detailed business plan each year that outlines the activities and budget associated with its implementation.

- Over 90 members provided initial feedback to a survey to gain input into the development of the draft Strategic Plan. This feedback was incorporated in the next stage.
- The board participated in a facilitated planning day to develop the next Strategic Plan and to incorporate members input in that process.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

The final Strategic Plan 2012-20 will be launched at the 2016 ADS-ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Useful links

- Strategic Plan 2015-17:
<https://www.adea.com.au/?p=79>
- Strategic Plan 2017-20:
<https://www.adea.com.au/?p=12386898>

Private Practice Special Interest Group (PPSIG)

Convener: *Jayne Lehmann* until 30/4/2016
Angela Hsiao

Membership

Membership of the PPSIG stands at 586 members.

The Private Practice Network leaders include:

- Marita Ariola (NSW)
- Christine Avery (VIC)
- Lauren Botting (SA)
- Vongayi Majoni and Jan Stevenson (NT)
- Jennifer Nicholas and Carolyn Nugent (WA)
- Peta Tauchmann (QLD)
- ACT and Tasmania – vacant

2015-16 activities and achievements

- Meeting held at the ADS-ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting 2015 with 50 in attendance. An educational component was included for the first time with positive responses from membership.
- The leaders of the PPSIG Private Practice Networks (PPN) met via teleconference 3 times a year.
- Regular items in ADEA e-newsletter
- Continued activities on the PPSIG Wikispaces Forum
- Input into the Diabetes Education Workforce Survey development
- Teleconferences between the Convenor and ADEA CEO

Plan for 2016-17 activities

- Identify a PPN leader for ACT and Tasmania
- Encourage the activities of the PPN via regular teleconferences
- Present a PPSIG meeting at the 2017 ADS-ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting
- Facilitate the Wikispaces forum

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank PPSIG members and PPN leaders for their enthusiasm for private practice. It is a growing area of practice with numbers of this group likely to continue to grow over the next few years.

Useful links

- ADEA Private Practice Special Interest Group:
<https://www.adea.com.au/?p=7839>
- ADEA Private Practice Special Interest Group wikispaces:
<http://adeappsig.wikispaces.com/>
- Private Practice e-learning module:
<https://learning.adea.com.au>

Diabetes in Pregnancy Special Interest Group (DIPSIG)

Convener: Amanda Bartlett

2015-16 activities and achievements

Current membership: 32

The group was formed in November 2015 with an initial committee and membership of 10. We had a teleconference in April from which we developed the annual plan and discussed the inaugural annual meeting to coincide with the ADIPS meeting.

An online forum has been set up by ADEA for members to post. This needs further development and commitments from members to ensure ongoing success.

A survey has been prepared by the convener and ADEA to gather information on members, their key areas of specialty and to gain a greater understanding of how the DIPSIG can best service their needs and requirements.

Plan for 2016-17 activities

The first face-to-face meeting will occur at the Gold Coast in August 2016. Since the introduction of IADPSG's new criteria and recommendations for the testing and diagnosing of GDM, numbers of women being diagnosed and treated for GDM has increased significantly with some areas reporting up to a 30% increase in numbers.¹

The DIPSIG would like to work with ADEA to lobby the government for Medicare rebates for women with GDM. This increased revenue may be used by hospitals to employ suitably qualified staff to deal with the increased workload. THE DIPSIG intends to set up a small sub group to address this issue.

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- Cindy Porter for creating and monitoring Dropbox, which helped with initial setup
- Justine Darling for keeping minutes of the teleconferences
- ADEA National Office for ongoing support

Useful links

- ADEA Diabetes in Pregnancy Special Interest Group: <https://www.adea.com.au/?p=12376969>
- Diabetes in Pregnancy Society: www.adips.org
- International Association of the Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups: <http://www.iadpsg.org>
- International Symposium on Diabetes, Hypertension, Metabolic Syndrome and Pregnancy: <http://www.comtecmed.com/dip/2017>

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