

Australasian Delirium Association

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Welcome to the first ADA newsletter of 2016

A word from the President:

2016 is a big year for the ADA. Our third scientific meeting and first two day meeting, on 14-15 July 2016 in Sydney with a host of fantastic international and local speakers, make this a 'you-wouldn't-miss it-for-quids' event! A number of overseas speakers who couldn't make it this time were so upset that they promised to come to our next meeting. Make sure you don't upset yourself by missing out. Sign up now, as spaces are strictly limited! See page five of the newsletter for more details.

Nationally, our partnership with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has resulted in national standards for delirium care, which will be launched at our conference. Make sure you are the first to know about this exciting development.

Internationally, our collaboration with the European and American groups has resulted in the first global initiative on delirium. We have set up iDelirium-org (www.idelirium.org) and will be holding a World Delirium Day to increase global awareness about delirium.

What's the next step? We'll speak to Richard Branson about delirium in space!

Gideon Caplan

New Delirium Networks

iDelirium-org



The ADA also welcomes the new **German Delirium Network** (GDN), established in December 2015 by health care professionals from diverse disciplines of the health systems of German speaking countries Austria, Germany, Luxembourg and Switzerland. GDN is committed to improving the practice of delirium management by offering knowledge, tools and guidance in the German language.

The goals of the network are to i) integrate knowledge and experience gathered by experts from all areas of the health care system as well as those affected; ii) implement them into practice; and iii) offer public information for the media. In addition to these worthy aims, the GDN wins the prize for the most beautiful artistic depiction of delirium.

For those with German language capabilities, see: <http://www.delir-netzwerk.de>



A Better Way to Care

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality of Health Care's (ACSQHC) 'Caring for Cognitive Impairment' campaign is a welcome health system initiative to improve dementia and delirium care for at-risk patients (2016).

Individuals and hospitals can join the campaign to learn more about dementia and delirium, and obtain guidance on how to better recognise and care for patients with cognitive impairment. Being part of the 'Caring for Cognitive Impairment' campaign prepares services and hospitals to meet the new cognitive impairment standard contained within the next version of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

The ADA encourages members to consider participating in the 'Caring for Cognitive Impairment' campaign, as its resources and community of practice offer clinicians and services a blueprint to bring about better end-of-life care of older patients with dementia and delirium, and their families.

For more information and to sign up for the 'Caring for Cognitive Impairment' campaign, visit: <http://cognitivecare.gov.au/>

Australian Commission on Quality and Safety of Healthcare. 2016. *Caring for Cognitive Impairment - A National Campaign* [Online]. Sydney: ACSQHC http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/media_releases/caring-for-cognitive-impairment-a-national-campaign/

CARING FOR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT



Join the campaign and make a difference
cognitivecare.gov.au #BetterWayToCare

Calling Australian pharmacists: invitation to participate in a survey on pharmacists' role in delirium management and prevention

Despite medications being one of the most frequent causes of delirium in elderly, predisposed patients, and guideline recommendations for multi-component interventions by an interdisciplinary team, pharmacists are under-represented in delirium prevention and management studies.

To address this gap and inform an intervention to support pharmacist involvement in delirium prevention and management in elderly inpatients, pharmacists practicing in Australia are invited to participate in an online survey. The survey assesses participants' knowledge, perceptions and practice in delirium detection, prevention and treatment for elderly patients. Results will inform an intervention strategy to support pharmacists in this important area of patient care.

The study investigators are seeking the support of ADA members for this research, by sharing the information with their pharmacist colleagues and recommending they participate.

Click the following link to open the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/delerium>

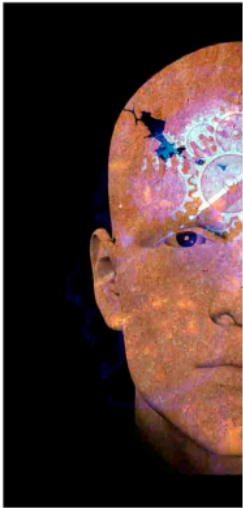
For more information, please contact the principal investigator Mr Gizat Molla Kassie on +61 8 830 22811 or email:

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Follow ADA on Twitter

We now have a new Twitter account @ANZDA_delirium and we want you to follow and tweet us! Together let's get the word out about delirium.


Upcoming meetings



Australasian Delirium Association
3rd Biennial Conference
14 and 15 July 2016

DECLARED
Delirium Clinical
And Research Day

John Niland Scientia building
University of New South Wales, Sydney



Call for Abstracts

We welcome submissions from medical, nursing, allied health, scientific and clinical research backgrounds. Please send us an abstract with relevant subheadings for your paper, such as: TITLE, AUTHOR, AIM, METHOD, RESULT(S) and CONCLUSION(S). Word limit 300. Enter 'DECLARED 2016 ABSTRACT' as the subject line of your email.

Attach Word document by email: admin@delirium.org.au
Abstracts closing date: 14 March 2016

You will be notified in April 2016 whether your abstract is accepted for oral or poster presentation. Please provide your best contact email address to receive correspondence.

Online registration and paid membership coming soon
www.delirium.org.au

ADA 3rd Biennial Conference

The 3rd biennial scientific conference of the Australasian Delirium Association (ADA) will be our first two day meeting and feature an array of dazzling speakers who will highlight the rapidly increasing scientific knowledge about delirium and improvements in care for people with delirium. The previous conferences sold out, so we have booked a larger venue, but I suggest you do not delay registering. Your registration includes two years membership of the ADA and the opportunity to get involved and up to date about delirium.

See you in Sydney,

Gideon Caplan, President and Chair of Conference Organising Committee

American Delirium Society 6th Annual Meeting

Registration is now open for the American Delirium Society 6th Annual Meeting: The ADS meeting is not only an opportunity to learn about the latest in delirium practice and research, but also includes a night out listening to Hillbilly music at an “old school Nashville honkytonk” - and who could resist that combination! Register for the meeting at:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/6th-annual-american-delirium-society/event-summary-315c380e5baa449e8c1b6417d2e8d158.aspx>.



European Delirium Association - Save the Date

EUROPEAN DELIRIUM ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT - SAVE THE DATE

EUROPEAN DELIRIUM ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEETING 2016

VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL

3.-4. NOVEMBER 2016



We are pleased to announce the 2016 meeting of the European Delirium Association - to be held in Vilamoura, Portugal on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of November - all the more that this is a first on the Iberian

peninsula

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia conference - registrations open



Nurses working across settings require delirium knowledge and skill to care well for people at the end of life. The Palliative Care Nurses Australia 2016 conference includes two workshops with relevance to delirium:

1. Preventing and managing delirium through non-pharmacological approaches;
2. Ethical conflicts in palliative care: Responding with integrity and effectiveness.

Register at:

<http://pcna2016.conferenceonline.com.au/?pgid=657>

ADA website, membership and newsletter

If you are a healthcare professional, researcher, administrator or a member of the public who is interested in any aspect of delirium, you are welcome as a member of the ADA.

Members may sign up to receive newsletters by email, notice of upcoming events and developments relevant to delirium care, plus discounted conference registration.

See our online resource at www.delirium.org.au/

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