



Anaesthetists cancel ASM due to COVID-19

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The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) has announced the cancellation of its Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) from 1 - 5 May due to the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19).

ANZCA President Dr Rod Mitchell said:

“ANZCA’s leadership has been closely monitoring the public health emergency and decided that the cancellation was in the best interests of our patients, fellows, trainees, specialist international medical graduates, staff, and their families.

The discovery of a case of COVID-19 at the ASM and the subsequent potential quarantining of all delegates would have a catastrophic impact on our hospital workforces in Australia and New Zealand.”

The 2020 meeting at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre featured local and international speakers and included plenary sessions and workshops.

The college’s annual one-day Faculty of Pain Medicine Symposium due to be held before the ASM on 31 April has also been cancelled.

The Emergency Leaders Conference and the Perioperative Special Interest Group Meeting also scheduled to run as part of the ASM will not go ahead.

More than 2000 delegates were expected to attend the ASM this year.

Registration fees for delegates will be refunded.