



Two new leaders for ANZCA and FPM

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The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and its Faculty of Pain Medicine today announced two key leadership appointments.

Dr Rodney Mitchell, a specialist anaesthetist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Lyell McEwin Hospital in Adelaide is the new President of ANZCA.

Dr Meredith Craigie, who is based at the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) Pain Management Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide, is the new Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine.

The appointments were announced at ANZCA's annual scientific meeting in Sydney.

Dr Mitchell spent nine years in central Australia working in remote primary healthcare, retrieval medicine with the Royal Flying Doctor Service and as director of anaesthesia at the Alice Springs Hospital. He is committed to improving equity of access to safety and high quality care in anaesthesia, pain medicine, and perioperative medicine.

Dr Mitchell, who replaces Professor David A Scott, said: "We are world leaders in delivering high quality patient care. Our challenge is to ensure that all members of our community have access to that care. This includes specific considerations towards our rural communities, our Indigenous communities, and our obligations towards the global community."

Dr Craigie has a background in paediatric anaesthesia and pain medicine and was a foundation board member of the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia. She is a clinical senior lecturer at Flinders University. Her interests include safe use of opioid medication, pain in childhood, persistent pelvic pain and the transition from acute to chronic pain.

She replaces Dr Chris Hayes. Dr Craigie said: "It's important that we continue to focus on the safe and appropriate use of opioid medications in pain management, pain medicine training education, and the health and well-being of pain medicine physicians and trainees."

Both appointments run for two years.