

# ANZBMS e-News



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## Bone Densitometry MBS item requirements

<http://hpnews.medicareaustralia.gov.au/2013/10/bone-densitometry-mbs-item-requirements/>

In the October 2013 edition of Health Professional News, the Department of Human Services (Medicare Australia) published the following statement:

**“A Medicare benefit is only payable for referred MBS Bone Densitometry items (12306, 12309, 12312, 12315, 12318, 12321 and 12323) when the specialist or consultant physician attends the patient and personally performs the service.”**

This is significantly different from the profession’s long-standing interpretation of the items, which is that the specialist has performed the test if they (or their practice) have established consistent quality assurance procedures for the data acquisition and the specialist personally analyses the data and writes the report (note G12.2 of the Medicare Schedule).

Initial correspondence from the Department of Health has stated that: “There are no changes to the item descriptors, including the personal performance requirements.”

The ANZBMS, Osteoporosis Australia, RANZCR, AANMS, and ADIA are jointly making representations to the Department of Health, which is responsible for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (administered by the Department of Human Services), for clarification of whether “personal performance” is required by the regulations and what level of involvement by the specialist is needed to satisfy any requirement. We will provide further information as soon as it is available.

## ASM 2014 - speakers

Dear All

We are now working on the programme for next year’s Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANZBMS. An important part of this is to invite overseas speakers. We would welcome suggestions for both clinical and basic speakers. If you have suggestions, please send them to Ian Reid ([i.reid@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:i.reid@auckland.ac.nz)) by 17 November 2013.

Many thanks

Ian Reid on behalf of the POC

## Calendar

**17-20 November 2013**  
ASMR National Scientific Conference  
Ballarat Lodge, Victoria  
<http://asmr-nsc.org.au/>

**20-22 November 2013**  
Frontiers in Skeletal Biology  
Garvan Institute, Sydney  
<http://www.garvan.org.au/symposium/frontiers>

### **ANZBMS INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

This award is offered by the ANZBMS to support travel to attend the **IBMS Herbert Fleisch Workshop**, to be held in Brugge, Belgium, from 16 to 18 March 2014 (<http://www.ibmsonline.org/p/cm/ld/fid=202>).

The objective of this workshop is to provide a Gordon-conference style forum for students, post-docs and early stage principal investigators to present work in progress, discuss thoroughly and network with peers, and get constructive feedback from experienced senior scientists.

The aim of this award is to facilitate travel to participate in what the ANZBMS believes to be an excellent opportunity for the development of emerging researchers within bone and mineral-related fields. The award is open to financial members of ANZBMS who have already registered for, and submitted an abstract to attend the workshop. Up to three (3) awards valued at \$1,000 (AUD, GST inclusive) each will be awarded, based on application merit and applicant track record.

**Deadline:** COB Thursday **5 December 2013**

**Further information and application form:**  
<https://www.anzbms.org.au/grants-and-awards.asp>

### **The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society**

**Sunday 7 September – Wednesday 10 September 2014**  
Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand

**Abstract and early-bird deadline 1 July 2014**

### **ANZBMS future meetings:**

**November 2015:** Hobart, Tasmania

**November 2016:** AHMRC, Sydney

**25 – 28 March 2017:** IBMS-ANZBMS Joint Meeting, Brisbane

**2-3 December 2013** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hip Fracture Management Conference, Melbourne  
<http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/hip-fracture-management-conference>

**12-15 December 2013** IOF Regionals – 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Osteoporosis Meeting, Hong Kong Website:  
<http://www.iofbonehealth.org/hongkong-2013>

**28-31 March 2014**  
The Eight Clare Bone Meeting  
Clare, SA  
<http://www.themeetingpeople.com.au/CLARE>

**3-7 May 2014**  
ECE 2014  
Wroclaw, Poland  
<http://www.ece2014.org/>

**17-20 May 2014**  
41<sup>st</sup> European Calcified Tissue Society Congress  
Prague, Czech Republic  
<http://www.ectscongress.org/2014/>

**21-24 June 2014**  
ICE/ENDO 2014  
Chicago, USA  
<https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/ice-endo-2014/endo-2014#/nav/>

**25-28 August 2014**  
ESA/SRB ASM  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>

**27-29 August 2014**  
ADS/ADEA ASM  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
[www.ads-adea.org.au](http://www.ads-adea.org.au)

**7-10 September 2014**  
24<sup>th</sup> ASM of ANZBMS  
Queenstown, New Zealand  
<https://www.anzbms.org.au/>

**12-15 October 2014**  
ASBMR 2014  
Houston, Texas, USA

# Adelaide Bone Group



Providing a forum where clinicians and researchers can meet,  
share insights and explore new opportunities together

[www.adelaidebonegroup.org](http://www.adelaidebonegroup.org)

**Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5.30 — 7.30 pm**

Riverside Rowing Club, Festival Drive, Torrens Lake - just west  
of the Morphett St bridge

**Dr Nobu Ito** (RAH Orthopaedics & Trauma, Uni Adelaide)

'Regulatory mechanism of FGF23: phosphatonin'

**Prof. Howard Morris** (SA Pathology & UniSA)

"Optimal use of bone turnover markers"

RSVP to Simon Vanlint [simon.vanlint@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:simon.vanlint@adelaide.edu.au)

by Thursday November 21st

Finger food provided from 5.30, drinks available for purchase  
— come and network before the formal session starts.

This will be our last meeting for 2013, so don't miss out!

**16-19 October 2014**

7<sup>th</sup> International conference on Osteoporosis and  
Bone research  
Xiamen, China

[www.csobmr.org.cn/2014](http://www.csobmr.org.cn/2014)

**5-8 March 2015**

ENDO 2015

San Diego, CA, USA

<https://www.endocrine.org/meetings/endo-annual-meeting-related-pages/past-and-future-endo-meetings>

**9-12 October 2015**

ASBMR 2015

Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://www.asbmr/meetings>

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