

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.

NHMRC Project Grant Review Panel – self nomination.

NHMRC has announced in Tracker a mechanism for individuals to self nominate for Project Grant Review Panel consideration. Nominations are required by 24 November 2013 since RGMS will be offline from 25 November to 2 December 2013. Further information: [Guiding Principles for NHMRC PRP Membership](#) and [RGMS instructions](#).

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) by 17 November 2013.

Many thanks

Ian Reid on behalf of the POC

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 24th 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

[The Ageing Bone Research Program at Sydney Medical School Nepean and the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Nepean Hospital invite you to our Aged Care Lecture Series - International speaker](#)

Date: Wednesday, 27 November 2013

Time: 11:00-12:00 AM

Level 2, Lecture Theatre

South Block-Nepean Hospital

[Falls and Fracture Clinic launch of the Nepean Osteoporosis and Frailty \(NOF\) Study](#)

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2013

5:00pm – 7:00pm

62 Derby Street

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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>

2-3 December 2013 2nd Annual Hip Fracture Management Conference, Melbourne

<http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/hip-fracture-management-conference>

12-15 December 2013 IOF Regionals – 4th 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

41st 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/>

Adelaide Bone Group



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

www.adelaidebonegroup.org

Monday November 25th, 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

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!

ADS/ADEA ASM
Melbourne Convention Centre
www.ads-adea.org.au

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

12-15 October 2014
ASBMR 2014
Houston, Texas, USA
<http://www.asbmr/meetings>

16-19 October 2014
7th International conference on Osteoporosis and
Bone research
Xiamen, China
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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