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Abstract

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2014 is a year of Australasian collaboration in benchmarking chronic pain outcomes. This follows a long incubation period and early discussions between the Faculty of Pain Medicine and Professor Eagar at University of Wollongong (UoW). In the past two years funding from NSW Health and the Agency for Clinical Innovation has led to the establishment of ePPOC (electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration) within the Australian Health Service Research Institute at UoW.

Initial ePPOC implementation has focused on NSW and a business case is under development to allow involvement of other stakeholders across Australia and New Zealand. The Australian Pain Society and NZ Pain Society have been involved in discussions of outcome tools, data protection and clinically utility.

The Victorian Department of Health have also funded a pilot project (vicPPoP) in three pain centres. Initial results will be presented in this workshop. Outcome measurement is also recognised as a strategic priority in QLD as part of the State-wide Persistent Pain project.

In this workshop Professor Eagar will provide an overview of the current status of ePPOC. Developments will be compared with AROC (Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre) and PCOC (Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration). Associate Professor Arnold will report on vicPPoP and Dr Hayes will discuss the practical challenges of implementing ePPOC from the perspective of participating sites in NSW.

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