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### **The changing face of anaesthesia and pain medicine**

Leading anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists from Australia and around the world will gather in Adelaide for four days from Saturday May 2, 2015 for the annual scientific meeting of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists.

The meeting, which this year has the theme “The changing face of anaesthesia and pain medicine”, brings together latest research, technique and theory in more than 200 presentations and workshops.

Conference convenor Dr Aileen Craig said the conference theme addressed the rapid pace of change in medical practice and research and would present a broad range of topics on recent changes.

“It is said that the body of medical knowledge doubles every five years – it would be impossible for us to stay abreast of this rapid pace of change and keep informed about relevant research and advances in technology, pharmacology and treatments without meetings such as this,” Dr Craig said.

“In addition, the health system also faces challenges with changing demographics due to an ageing population and an uncertain global economy.”

Leading clinicians and other experts will examine topics including:

- The harms of over-the-counter codeine
- Watching for signs of mental health issues among specialist colleagues
- Recent statistics on substance abuse among medical specialists
- The role of anaesthesia in cancer prevention
- The physiological effects of paediatric obesity and its effects on anaesthesia

**What: The changing face of anaesthesia and pain medicine**

**Where: The Adelaide Convention Centre**

**When: Saturday May 2 – Tuesday May 5**

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