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Two new leaders for College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA)

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

Associate Professor David A. Scott, of the University of Melbourne and St Vincent's Hospital, takes up the role of president of ANZCA. Dr Chris Hayes, of the Hunter Integrated Pain Service and John Hunter Hospital in NSW, is the new dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine.

Associate Professor Scott is the director of the Department of Anaesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. He is also an associate professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

His key research interests include cognitive change following anaesthesia, patient blood management in cardiac surgery, and the safe and effective management of acute pain.

Professor Scott, who replaces Dr Genevieve Goulding, said, "Anaesthesia is a critical medical specialty that enables safe and high-quality patient care before and during surgery and other procedures, as well as during the recovery period.

"It is a privilege and responsibility to lead the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, which is the training, education and standards-setting organisation for our specialty in both countries.

"Our College has an outstanding international reputation in both the clinical excellence of our Fellows and the quality of our research.

"There are many challenges in healthcare at the moment, and the College will continue to engage with healthcare and other professional organisations, government and regulators to achieve the best outcomes for our patients."

Dr Hayes has a background in anaesthesia and works as a specialist pain medicine physician in Newcastle, NSW. He has been director of the Hunter Integrated Pain Service since it was founded in 1997.

His research interests include a "whole person" approach to pain, and the redesign of health systems to achieve greater integration between the community, primary care and the specialist sector.

He replaces Professor Ted Shipton.

Dr Hayes said, “I thank Professor Shipton for his strong leadership of the Faculty and support of recent major projects, including revision of the training curriculum and development of the on-line Better Pain Management education program for GPs and other health professionals.

“In continuing to build on these successes, I would like to encourage dialogue about the emerging identity of a contemporary specialist pain medicine physician in the context of the new training program. I would also like to promote collaboration with other health professional groups, in particular the primary care sector.”

Both appointments run for two years.

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