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Critical Notice regarding ANZCA Research Funding Applications for 2021:

The Covid-19 pandemic is consuming the focus of the majority of us in a number of ways. The ANZCA Research Committee recognises that now is a difficult time to plan research, and in many circumstances an impossible time to undertake research activities, prepare grant applications, or even perform grant reviews. In the interests of reducing the workload on anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists, and ensuring fairness of opportunity, it has been decided to **suspend the current 2021 ANZCA research grant round and defer it until next year.**

This decision has not been taken lightly and we understand that some of you have put considerable effort into preparation of grant submissions. Many will have experienced other pressures that have prevented such opportunities. Furthermore, our research community will be swept up in a range of responses to the Covid-19 epidemic over the next few months, making review of any applications an unfair burden.

We will of course support existing multi-year grants in progress pending fulfilment of the usual requirements.

We will also shortly release details of how existing grant holders may have their time extended because of inevitable interruptions to research activity during this time.

Finally, we are looking at ways we can support, in a more immediate sense, research into the effects of the Covid-19 on anaesthesia and anaesthetists and in pain medicine. More on this later.

I know this will be disappointing to some, and create financial challenges for others, but in fairness to all our hardworking specialists, we feel that this is the best course of action with the greatest benefit in the long term.

More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

I thank you for your understanding and appreciate your support.

If you have any questions in the first instance please contact Susan Collins, Research Administration Coordinator at the college on research@anzca.edu.au or (03) 8517 5336.

Kind regards,

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