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Research & Scholarship Activities: August and September 2026

Hybrid (DME Library N401) and Zoom: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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August Activities

Session Type: Research Focus Roundtable

Title: Widening Access to Medicine: What Works, for Whom, and Why? A Realist Review

Presenter: Dr Emma Bartle (The University of Western Australia)

Overview: Widening access to medicine is often framed as a problem of supporting individual applicants, yet persistent inequities suggest deeper systemic barriers. Drawing on a realist review of 32 studies, this session examines the mechanisms through which selection pathways influence diversity outcomes across contexts. It will consider how current approaches may reinforce the status quo and explore implications for research, policy, and practice.

You can [access the accompanying paper here](#).

Thursday 6
August
(1-2pm)

Session Type: Research Training Focus Roundtable

Title: Enriching research practices through knowledge about Indigenous research methodologies

Presenter: A/Prof. Joanne Bolton (The University of Melbourne), Prof. Louisa Remedios (Australian Physiotherapy Association), Prof. Shawana Andrews (The University of Melbourne)

Overview: Join Professor Shawana Andrews, Professor Louisa Remedios and A/Professor Joanne Bolton in a conversation about 'Enriching research processes through knowledge of Indigenous research methodologies'

You can [access the accompanying paper here](#).

Thursday 13
August
(1-2pm)

ANZAHPE Online Professional Development

Title: Turning Teaching into Scholarship: Research Pathways for Health Professions Educators

Presenter: Prof. Sandra Carr (The University of Western Australia)

[Register at this link](#)

Thursday 20
August
(1-2pm)

Thursday 27 August – No Roundtable due to AMEE Conference

September Activities

Session Type: Research Focus Roundtable

Title: Creative Enquiry: Body Mapping as an Art-Based Approach in Health Professions Education

Presenter: Dr. Cam Marshman (Monash University)

Overview: This session provides an overview of body mapping as an art-based approach to research and education. Body mapping involves the creation of a visual self-portrait using colour, collage, symbol and metaphor to explore lived and embodied experiences. Cameron will provide an overview of body mapping and will draw upon a diverse range of examples from his own work exploring felt experiences of compassion, personal and professional identity formation, and collaborative reflexivity. This session will include an opportunity to discuss how art-based approaches can be used in medical education and health research

Thursday 3
September
(1-2pm)

Session Type: Research Training Focus Roundtable – *Extended Session*

Title: How would use of AI in qualitative research affect its quality?

Presenter: Prof. Walter Eppich (The University of Melbourne)

Overview: During this workshop, we will explore the potential upsides and downsides of using AI in qualitative research in health professions education. What are possible benefits and harms? We invite you join the session to discuss this hot topic that is not without its controversies.

Thursday 10
September
(1-2:30pm)

ANZAHPE Online Professional Development

Title: Disability Inclusion: Everybody's Business

Presenters: Laura Gray, Gisselle Gallego, Lise Mogensen, Bryony McNeill and Louisa Ng

[Register at this link](#)

Thursday 17
September
(1-2pm)

Session Type: Scholarship Focus Roundtable

Title: Beyond the big overhaul: Weaving continuous and sustainable renewal into health professions curriculum practice

Presenter: Dr. Michael Poulton (The University of Melbourne)

Overview: Curriculum renewal is often framed as periodic large-scale reform, but what if renewal is better understood as an ongoing, dynamic process? Drawing on multiple theoretical perspectives, this interactive roundtable explores how curriculum renewal behaves within complex educational systems. Join colleagues in examining practical ways to foster sustainable change and share strategies for navigating the tensions, challenges, and opportunities that shape curriculum practice.

Thursday 24
September
(1-2pm)