### Agenda Item | Discussion/Decision
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**National Strategic Action Plan for Pain Management (the Plan)** | **Background:**
The Plan has been developed by Painaustralia in consultation with a number of key stakeholders and will be presented to the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Committee in early 2020.

**Discussion/Decision:**
There are 50 key actions/recommendations presented in the Plan, one of which is for ongoing support of ePPOC.

**CMAC membership** | Two new members have been appointed to CMAC:
- Sue O’Sullivan from the Victorian Department of Health
- Philippa Gately from COORDINARE, a Primary Health Network service participating in ePPOC.

**Use of the ePPOC short form** | **Background:**
A short form of the ePPOC questionnaire (mini ePPOC) has been trialled in Aboriginal and multi-cultural communities within NSW. The form has been used to obtain outcome information from people who may not normally be represented due to barriers such as language and literacy. Information collected using the short form is not currently included in the ePPOC database or entered into epiCentre.

**Discussion/Decision:**
Members agreed to establish a Working Group to discuss further development of a mini ePPOC, and the possibility of conducting a trial of its use in a small number of participating pain services.

**The role of nutrition in chronic pain** | **Background:**
At the April 2019 CMAC meeting members agreed to include information relating to BMI at referral in the mid-year report, and investigate including as an outcome in future reports.

**Discussion/Decision:**
Members discussed recent research and the inclusion of nutrition-related items in ePPOC questionnaires. Further work in this area will include:
- surveying which and how many pain management services currently provide nutritional information/interventions, and
- the possibility of developing a standard set of patient information about the effect of nutrition on pain.
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| **Research update** | **Background:**
ePPOC data is being used to inform research papers, presentations and the ePPOC information series.  
**Discussion/Decision:**
Members discussed potential research topics which included:
- the distance patients travel to the pain service,
- whether patients who reduce their opioids also do well on other measures, and
- if there is a ‘sweet spot’ for treatment length/hours. |
| **Other business** | **Recording of wait time**
Concern around the accuracy of recorded wait time was raised by members. After discussion it was decided the wait time benchmark be changed to an indicator in the adult reports and that further discussion on this issue occur at future CMAC meetings.  
**ANZCA/FPM CPD**
Members discussed whether the entry of ePPOC data into epiCentre might constitute an activity that can count towards ANZCA/FPM CPD.  
A clinical audit of own practice or significant input into a group audit of practice must meet the requirements of note 5:  
*Specialists complete a systematic analysis of an area of practice to improve clinical care and/or health outcomes, or to confirm that current management is consistent with the current available evidence or accepted consensus guidelines. An identified standard is used to measure current performance and outcomes are documented and discussed with a colleague.* |