2011 Annual Report
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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2011 IN REVIEW

ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Identify major issues relating to male reproductive health and associated conditions in Australia

- Completed a comprehensive male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers under the guidance of the Andrology Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Reference Group.
- Developed a strategy, in consultation with the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Reference Group, to provide male reproductive health education to GPs from ethnic medical associations, initially Chinese and Vietnamese communities.

Provide information and education to the public and professional communities

- Launched the successful ‘Talk about your tackle’ campaign in April. This social marketing campaign received national media coverage and the community service announcement was screened on Channel 7 and Southern Cross Television Network as well as being broadcast on several radio networks.
- Developed a men’s health education program for primary health care nurses and held a pilot workshop in Melbourne for 18 participants.
- Increased the use of the Andrology Australia website by 11 per cent in 2011, with more than 63,000 visits per month.
- Continued social media activities on Twitter, Facebook and You Tube, with a growing audience across all platforms.
- Revamped Andrology Australia newsletter ‘The Healthy Male’, with a new layout and features including a ‘Letters to the editor’ section.
- Increased ‘The Healthy Male’ newsletter subscription base to more than 12,000 registrants.
- Finalised two Andrology Australia RACGP accredited active learning modules (ALMs), which will be launched on a new online education platform in 2012.

Support and develop those individuals, communities and organisations with an interest in men’s health

- Supported a number of GP workshops on men’s health issues that catered specifically to the needs of individual GP networks.
- Developed the content for a male health module that will be made available to all Australian medical schools to help prepare medical students for managing male patients in practice.
- Raised community awareness of the program and its resources by sending Andrology Australia Ambassador Merv Hughes to speak at 11 men’s health community events across the country.
- Developed specific resources for organisations and individuals running community and workplace men’s health events during International Men’s Health Week (IMHW).
- Distributed more than 2800 Men’s Health Education Kits to date to communities wishing to hold men’s health events.
- Supported two Andrology Australia fellowships for endocrine registrars, with both trainees undertaking further postgraduate clinical education and research in various aspects of andrology.

Support research that underpins the professional and community education programs.

- Provided support for a PhD scholarship to determine the psychosocial impact of Klinefelter’s syndrome, specifically the effects of age at diagnosis, and the feasibility of population-based genetic screening for this condition.
- Published more than 60 national and international peer-reviewed journal articles since the program’s inception.
- Continued to provide infrastructure support for a part-time secretariat role to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Researcher Network coordinated through Mibbinbah Limited (Qld).

Develop collaboration and optimise the use of financial and human resources.

- Established a collaboration with the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA), Jean Hailes for Women’s Health, and the Robinson Institute (University of Adelaide) to undertake a national public education campaign to prevent and treat involuntary infertility, as part of the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) Family Planning Grants (2011-2013) program.
- Collaborated with the Australian Practice Nurse Association as a member of the Practice Nurse Family Planning Capacity Building Project expert working group, funded by the DoHA Family Planning Grants (2011-2013) program.
- Established a partnership with the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia to accredit and pilot test the delivery of the male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers.
- Supported the accreditation and pilot delivery of the Aboriginal Health Worker Module with funding from the Rural Health Continuing Education Scheme (National Rural Health Alliance) and the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust.
- Continued a partnership with Cancer Australia to develop minimum data sets for prostate cancer and testicular cancer.
- Collaborated with the Fertility Society of Australia’s Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee to develop guidelines for male health evaluation as part of infertility assessment.
In its 11th year of operation, Andrology Australia continued to build on its strong foundation – establishing new partnerships, piloting education programs, updating its resources, and growing its database of supporters and affiliates. The program remains the peak Australian authority on male reproductive health and continues to garner tremendous support and positive feedback from people who have used its resources and education material.

This year, Andrology Australia ramped up its efforts in breaking down the barriers to men talking about their health and particularly those ‘bits below the belt’. Launched in April 2011, the ‘Talk about your tackle’ campaign was a significant achievement for the Andrology Australia team, who know just how difficult it is to get men to talk about their reproductive health. The campaign, which involved a community service announcement for TV and radio, along with a dedicated micro-site, featured former AFL players Matthew ‘Richo’ Richardson and his father, Alan ‘Bull’ Richardson. We thank the Richardsons for their generous support of the campaign and its message.

International Men’s Health Week continues to provide an excellent opportunity to get communities involved in promoting men’s health at a grassroots level. This year, Andrology Australia Ambassador Merv Hughes promoted the program’s resources – dressed in fishing gear and giving ‘tackle tips’.

Once again, this year about 1000 individuals and organisations used Andrology Australia resources for men’s health events and displays. In addition to appearing in health promotion material, Ambassador Merv Hughes visited 11 different towns across the country, speaking directly to almost 3000 people about why men should talk more openly about their health. His support of the Andrology Australia program and its messages is invaluable, particularly for reaching men in rural and remote areas.

In addition to encouraging men to look after their reproductive health, the program continues to focus on educating health professionals. In 2011, Andrology Australia piloted a train-the-trainer men’s health education program for primary health care nurses, which will be rolled out across the country in 2012. This year also saw significant progress in the development of the curriculum framework for medical students, and the completion of a comprehensive male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers.

Andrology Australia’s achievements would not be possible without the commitment of the Management Group, CEO and staff. On behalf of the Advisory Board we thank Dr Carol Holden (CEO) and the administration team for their hard work and determination.

Professor Marian Pitts resigned from her role on the Management Group in August 2011, after more than six years of involvement. Marian made a major contribution to the success of Andrology Australia and her inputs and wise counsel will be greatly missed.

We welcome the return of Emeritus Professor David de Kretser AC to the Advisory Board and acknowledge his ongoing commitment to the program. We also welcome Professor Sally Redman from the Sax Institute as a new Board member, and we look forward to her contribution in the future.

Particular thanks go to the program’s affiliates, advisors and reviewers, and to the other members of the Advisory Board, for their expertise and contribution to the development of the quality, evidence-based information for which Andrology Australia is so widely recognised.

And finally, we gratefully acknowledge the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for its continued support for the program, allowing us to further our education programs for the community and health professionals and expand our research efforts to improve the health of all Australian men.
RAISING AWARENESS

To increase community awareness and improve men’s health, Andrology Australia co-ordinates national social marketing campaigns to encourage men to seek help from their local doctor or other health services.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Andrology Australia has established that a major problem facing men’s health is that men, in general, do not like to talk about any reproductive health problems they may be experiencing. This reluctance to talk often leads to continued health deterioration, a missed opportunity for early identification, or in some cases serious complications which could have been prevented.

To raise awareness of the importance of family history and the health of men, and the need for men to start talking about their health, Andrology Australia developed a media campaign drawing an analogy with the Australian Football League (AFL) father-son rule. The Father-Son campaign looked at the transfer of health information, just as the opportunity to play in the AFL and/or the teaching of football skills and tips are passed from fathers to sons.

At the centre of this ‘Talk about your tackle’ campaign was a Community Service Announcement (CSA), featuring high-profile retired AFL footballer Matthew Richardson and his father Alan ‘Bull’ Richardson, who is also a former AFL player.

‘Talk about your tackle’ was well received. Positive comments made on social media sites, including Facebook and Twitter, and the general media interest in the campaign suggested that the ‘tackle’ theme worked for its target audiences. This was also clear during focus testing of the CSA before promotion began.

The key messages of the campaign included:

• if you’re concerned, don’t sweat on it, talk about it
• reproductive health problems are common
• most problems have effective treatments – not acting early can make things worse
• erectile problems can be a sign of heart disease or diabetes, so don’t be embarrassed – talk to your doctor.

Andrology Australia aims to continue promoting the campaign messages over the next 18 months.

The best way to protect your tackle is to talk about it.
In 2011, Merv Hughes visited community men’s health events in 11 cities and towns across the country to encourage men to talk about their health:

- Swan Hill, Vic. (22-23 Feb 2011)
- Darwin, NT (18 May 2011)
- Camperdown, Vic. (16 June 2011)
- Edenhope, Vic. (17 June 2011)
- Melbourne, Vic. (15 July 2011)
- Lameroo, SA (25 July 2011)
- Pinaroo, SA (26 July 2011)
- Bright, Vic. (16 September 2011)
- Maitland, SA (12 October 2011)
- Quorn, SA (13 October 2011)
- Orroroo, SA (14 October 2011)
- Gladstone, Qld (2 November 2011)
'On behalf of the committee, sponsors and supporters of our recent education and awareness campaign ‘No Joke Blokes: your health, your choice’, I’d like to thank Andrology Australia for your tremendous support. Obviously your largest commitment was supplying Merv Hughes and for this we are very grateful. I have no doubt that his high profile resulted in people attending who otherwise would not have. I also know that his passionate talk on men’s health was well received by all.’

Mr Geoff Lester, Gladstone & District Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Andrology Australia would like to thank the organisers and sponsors of all of the community events, and particularly Ambassador Merv Hughes, for their support in raising the profile of men’s health across Australia.

‘On behalf of the Mallee Health Care Network I would like to thank you for making possible the ‘Blokes Night with Merv Hughes’ and the ‘Ladies Breakfast with Merv’. Both events were a resounding success. Merv was a very effective Ambassador for Andrology Australia. The written feedback indicates that the message he delivered was received loud and clear. Hopefully we’ll see some behaviour change take place in Swan Hill.’

Ms Marita Sleep, Mallee Health Care Network.

TESTIMONIALS

Andrology Australia conducts targeted communication campaigns to help raise awareness of men’s health issues and provides expert comment on stories related to male reproductive health.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

More than 135 media items about Andrology Australia people and activities were published or broadcast during 2011. Highlights from the year include coverage on Channel 10’s national programs the 7PM Project and The Circle in April.

WEBSITE ‘WWW.ANDOLOGYAUSTRALIA.ORG’

Use of the Andrology Australia website increased by 11 per cent in 2011 – with more than 63,000 visits per month. More than 32,000 patient and professional resources were downloaded from the website each month, highlighting the importance of making evidence-based men’s health information accessible online.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2011, Andrology Australia continued its social media activities on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. The social media strategy aims to raise awareness of the program with new audiences and allow development of health promotion opportunities. Andrology Australia’s Twitter page now has almost 700 followers, the Facebook page has more than 100 ‘likes’, and the YouTube channel has received more than 100 views.

E-NEWSLETTER ‘MALE BRIEFS’

The Andrology Australia e-newsletter ‘Male Briefs’ is produced and distributed monthly. In 2011 this publication became more closely targeted to health professionals and is sent to GPs, nurses, stakeholders and affiliates working in the health sector who register from the website. In 2011, the number of registrants grew to almost 600 – an increase of 38 per cent on 2010.
HEALTH PROMOTION RESOURCES

To improve accessibility and awareness of male reproductive health and associated conditions, Andrology Australia translates important research into evidence-based men’s health resources. An increasing number of these resources are available online in a range of formats.

FACT SHEETS

Twenty-five (25) fact sheets are available to download online and more than 150,000 were downloaded from the Andrology Australia website in 2011.

In 2011, the prostate cancer information was reviewed and developed into two separate fact sheets – one on diagnosis and one on treatment.

CONSUMER GUIDES

Andrology Australia has five consumer guides which address male reproductive health issues. About 240,000 guides have been distributed to date and they are now available to read online as flash e-books.

A USER’S GUIDE

“How EVERY MAN NEEDS TO KNOW”

The Andrology Australia ‘User’s Guide’ remains a popular resource with about 250,000 hard copies distributed to date. The brochure is also available in 12 different languages and can be downloaded from the Andrology Australia website. Languages include Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Dari, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Khmer, Korean, Serbian, Turkish and Vietnamese. More than 4000 copies were downloaded in other languages in 2011.

FERTILITY BOOKLET “YOUR SPERM AND HOW TO LOOK AFTER THEM”

To date, more than 31,000 hard copies of the men’s fertility booklet ‘Your sperm and how to look after them’ have been distributed and more than 11,000 copies were downloaded from the website in 2011. The booklet was developed by Andrology Australia in conjunction with the Fertility Society of Australia and Access Australia. It provides a summary of conditions, behaviours and situations that can affect male fertility and outlines the measures men can take to preserve their fertility potential.
HEALTH EVENTS AND DISPLAYS

For the past seven years, Andrology Australia has provided resource support for organisations running men’s health events in their local communities, with about 1000 supported in 2011.

International Men’s Health Week (IMHW)

International Men’s Health Week continues to be an effective way to facilitate community action to raise awareness of men’s health in the local community. More than 600 individuals and organisations received resource material for their men’s health promotion activity during IMHW 2011.

Men’s Health Education Kit

The Men’s Health Education Kit continues to be a popular resource for individuals and community organisations running men’s health events and information sessions across Australia. Since its launch in October 2007, more than 2800 kits have been distributed nationwide.

The kit is a comprehensive resource providing everything an individual or group would need to support the planning and running of a men’s health event. A key aspect of the kit is to encourage greater community involvement in the development of a local event.

Community and workplace events

In addition to providing community resources, Andrology Australia also provides speakers to an increasing number of men’s health seminars held across Australia each year, reflecting a broader community interest in men’s health. Andrology Australia appreciates the commitment of the wider community to men’s health and acknowledges the below organisations for showing their support through seminars or displays.

MALLEE HEALTHCARE NETWORK: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT AND LADIES BREAKFAST
Swan Hill, Vic.: February 2011

ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS: 
MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT
Sandringham, Vic.: March 2011

BARWON HEALTH: 
BLOKES DAY OUT
Geelong, Vic.: April 2011

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES, NT: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Frances Bay, NT: May 2011

MONASH UNIVERSITY (HEALTH AND WELLBEING): MONASH GLOBAL WALK
Clayton, Vic.: June 2011

COBDEN DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Camperdown, Vic.: June 2011

WIMMERA UNITING CARE: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Edenhope, Vic.: June 2011

MALLEE HEALTH SERVICES: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Pinnaroo, SA: July 2011

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 
Melbourne, Vic.: July 2011

ORROROO HOSPITAL: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Orroroo, SA: October 2011

QUORN HEALTH SERVICES: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Quorn, SA: October 2011

MAITLAND HOSPITAL: 
MEN’S HEALTH NIGHT
Maitland, SA: October 2011

WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL: 
MEN’S HEALTH EXPO
Box Hill, Vic.: November 2011
To raise awareness of male reproductive health and associated conditions, Andrology Australia provides articles for publication in other organisations’ newsletters. Contributions were made to the following newsletters in 2011:

- Adelaide Northern Division of General Practice (SA)
- Australian Health Promotion Association
- Australian Practice Nurse Association
- Australian Unity
- Blue Mountains Leisure Centres (NSW)
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Fertility Society of Australia
- Fitness Australia
- Flinders & Far North Division of General Practice (SA)
- Foundation 49
- General Practice South (Tas.)
- Glaxo Smith Kline
- GL Health
- Ipswich & West Moreton Division (Qld)
- Kinect Australia
- Metro North Brisbane Medicare Local (Qld)
- Monash Institute of Medical Research
- National Rural Health Alliance
- National Seniors
- North & West Queensland Primary Health Care (Qld)
- Queensland Police Service
- Rural Doctors Association
- Seniors Voice
- The College of Nursing
- Townsville Division of General Practice (Qld)
- Victorian Government Department of Health
- West Australian Practice Nurse Association.
Andrology Australia continues to support the dissemination of a range of evidence-based resources developed by other organisations, helping to ensure that quality information is available to all men and their families across Australia. Such support also avoids duplication of effort and maximises the use of resources to raise awareness about men’s health.

**THE LIONS PROSTATE CANCER WEBSITE**

Andrology Australia continues to ensure that quality prostate cancer education is available through the Lions Australian Prostate Cancer website (www.prostatehealth.org.au) by managing the website on behalf of the former Australian Prostate Cancer Collaboration (APCC) and Lions Australia.

**LOCALISED PROSTATE CANCER: A GUIDE FOR MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Andrology Australia continues to support the distribution of the popular guide on localised prostate cancer developed by the former APCC. The ‘Localised prostate cancer guide’ is available in hard-copy and online from Andrology Australia with more than 7000 downloads in 2011 and 32,000 hard copies distributed across Australia. Copies of the guide are also available from Cancer Councils in each state and territory and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA).

**ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER: A GUIDE FOR MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

As a sequel to the ‘Localised prostate cancer guide’, a new guide to support men and their families after the diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer was launched in 2010. It is available on the Andrology Australia website and also in hard-copy. The guide was produced by the Australian Cancer Network (ACN) and the APCC with support in various forms from the Cancer Council Australia, PCFA, beyondblue: the national depression initiative, Andrology Australia, National Seniors Trust Foundation and the Whitehouse Foundation.

Andrology Australia coordinates the print production and dissemination of the guide and has distributed more than 16,000 copies to date. In addition, about 12,000 copies were downloaded from the website in 2011.

**HORMONES AND ME: KLINEFELTER’S SYNDROME**

Andrology Australia continued distributing a booklet on Klinefelter’s syndrome, a condition that affects at least one in 650 males and can lead to androgen deficiency, infertility, feminine physical characteristics and potential learning difficulties. The booklet was written by endocrinologist Dr Margaret Zacharin and supported by Serono Symposia International.

**SEX AFTER TREATMENT: PROSTATE CANCER**

The Cancer Council Queensland produced the booklet ‘Sex after treatment – prostate cancer’, which is available from the Andrology Australia website. This booklet was downloaded more than 10,000 times in 2011.

Other booklets and fact sheets available for download from the Andrology Australia website in 2011 included:

- Anxiety disorders and depression in men with testicular cancer

- Boys and Puberty
  A booklet produced by the Government of Western Australia, Department of Health.

- Maintaining your well-being
  Information booklet on depression and anxiety for men with prostate cancer and their partners, produced by beyondblue: the national depression initiative and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MALE HEALTH MODULE

With support from the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund, Andrology Australia has co-ordinated the development of a comprehensive male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers. This was completed under the guidance of the Andrology Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Reference Group, established in 2002.

A wide range of topics related to male health and well-being have been included in the module – identified by the Reference Group through broad consultation and community need. There has also been an independent expert review of the content to ensure it is evidence-based and reflects current best practice.

Pilot training workshops have been held in Aboriginal communities in Victoria and Queensland in 2011. These workshops are part of an independent evaluation to ensure that the module meets the education needs of Aboriginal Health Workers and offers a flexible delivery approach to accommodate different learning needs and settings. The generous support of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust for the Victorian workshops is acknowledged.

The module is now being mapped against Aboriginal Health Worker competency standards by the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia for future accreditation as part of the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care training.

The male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers is expected to be available through Registered Training Organisations in 2012-2013.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MALE HEALTH REFERENCE GROUP

Established in 2002, the Andrology Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Reference Group continues to guide the work of Andrology Australia in developing programs specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males, and ensures that all projects undertaken by Andrology Australia are culturally sensitive and delivered appropriately.

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A/PROFESSOR MARK WENITONG (CHAIR)
Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Qld

WORKFORCE TRAINING

Through collaboration and dialogue with experts in primary health care and medical education, Andrology Australia has developed a range of professional education and training. Andrology Australia is recognised as a reputable provider of quality and evidence-based education resources in male reproductive health. Education programs are available for general practitioners and practice nurses, and in 2011 were extended to reach medical students and Aboriginal Health Workers.
MEDICAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM ON MALE HEALTH

Andrology Australia is developing a flexible medical curriculum framework in response to an identified gap in male health education in medical school curricula across Australia. Anecdotal evidence suggests that male health education is generally limited and appears to vary across medical schools.

A working group has been established to assist with the development of a flexible medical curriculum framework on male reproductive health and associated conditions that can be integrated into both undergraduate and postgraduate medical training. During 2011, the 10 topic modules in the framework have been developed, and review of each module by content and curriculum experts is underway. A draft framework will be ready for pilot testing in medical schools during 2012.

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL CURRICULUM WORKING GROUP

The working group provides advice on the development of resources, is involved in piloting and evaluating primary uptake of the curriculum, and assists in the development of strategy to ensure the curriculum package remains up-to-date.

PROFESSOR BEN CANNY
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DR CAROL HOLDEN / DR VERONICA COLLINS (PROJECT MANAGER)
Andrology Australia, Vic.

MEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION FOR PRIMARY CARE NURSES

Andrology Australia developed a train-the-trainer program in consultation with the Andrology Australia Practice Nurse Reference Group. The program contains a number of education modules, including an overview of men's health in Australia and how to engage men in the primary health care setting.

A pilot train-the-trainer workshop was held in Melbourne in September 2011 with 18 practice nurse facilitators attending. The nurses who attended the workshop will be expected to deliver an education session to primary health care nurses in their own Medicare Local (formerly GP Division/Network) in 2012. An evaluation of the pilot phase of the train-the-trainer program will inform a national roll-out of the practice nurse education program.

PRACTICE NURSE REFERENCE GROUP

The reference group provides advice about men's health education needs and assists in the development of module content and delivery strategy.

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ANDROLOGY TRAINING FELLOWS

A training program based on the two-tier comprehensive European Andrology Training Program is being developed that includes both clinical and research components, with trainees attending specialist (urology, endocrine and fertility) clinics over a period of one or two years.

Andrology Australia continues to support two endocrine trainees to undertake comprehensive training in male reproductive health to build the clinical expertise in this area.

In collaboration with Andrology Australia, the Victorian fellowship is managed through Southern Health and Prince Henry's Institute, and the NSW fellowship by the ANZAC Research Institute.
GP EDUCATION

Andrology Australia continues to be an Accredited Activity Provider for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Quality Improvement & Continuing Professional Development program for the 2011–2013 triennium.

NATIONAL GP REFERENCE GROUP

To ensure that professional education programs are relevant and appropriate to GP practice, Andrology Australia established a National GP Reference Group. The reference group plays an active role in the development of current and emerging general practitioner education resources and activities.

DR CAROLYNN ALLAN
Endocrinologist, Vic.

DR GEOFF BROOYMALL
GP, Vic.

DR RAJE GOODWACH
Psychosexual therapist, Vic.

DR CAROL HOLDEN (PROJECT MANAGER)
Andrology Australia, Vic.

DR MICHAEL LOWY
GP, NSW

PROFESSOR ROB MCLACHLAN (CHAIR)
Andrology Australia, Vic.

A/PROFESSOR ALAN WRIGHT
GP, WA

ONLINE EDUCATION

Andrology Australia provides a series of RACGP-accredited interactive online Active Learning Modules (ALMs) on male reproductive health, to assist GPs in the diagnosis and management of various conditions.

The Older Men’s Health ALM, which will be launched on a new online education platform in 2012, covers the diagnosis, treatment and management of conditions that are more common in older men – erectile dysfunction, androgen deficiency and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) and their co-morbidities. This ALM will be the first learning activity on Andrology Australia’s new in-house online learning system. The new education platform will be accessible via the Andrology Australia website, and has been customised to suit the needs of our professional learners. It offers GPs a straightforward way to complete learning activities in their own time.

Case studies were written and reviewed by affiliated specialists and the Andrology Australia National GP Reference Group.

EDUCATION THROUGH GENERAL PRACTICE NETWORKS

In 2011, Andrology Australia provided experts in specific areas of men’s health to speak at divisional GP workshops to facilitate their learning. The following events were held in 2011 and topics included prostate disease, erectile dysfunction, androgen deficiency and engaging men in the primary health care setting.

GREATER BUNBURY DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE
Bunbury, WA: June 2011

EASTERN RANGES GENERAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION
Croydon, Vic.: June 2011

ADELAIDE NORTHERN DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE
Elizabeth West, SA: June 2011

FLINDERS AND FAR NORTH DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE
Port Augusta, SA: July 2011

OTWAY DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE
Hamilton, Vic.: November 2011

SYMPOSIUM SUPPORT AND CONFERENCE EXHIBITIONS

Andrology Australia provided support through sponsorship of speakers, workshops and/or trade displays at the following events:

11TH NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
Perth, WA: March 2011

AUSTRALIA PRACTICE NURSE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Sydney, NSW: April 2011

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (GPCE)
Sydney, NSW: May 2011

CENTRAL VICTORIA GENERAL PRACTICE NETWORK
Bendigo, Vic.: September 2011

NATIONAL MEN’S HEALTH GATHERING
Perth, WA: September 2011

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (GPCE)
Melbourne, Vic.: November 2011 (In collaboration with Continence Foundation of Australia)

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL PRACTICE NETWORK ANNUAL FORUM
Melbourne, Vic.: November 2011

FECCA CONFERENCE – ADVANCING MULTICULTURALISM
Adelaide, SA: November 2011
MEN’S HEALTH
CLINICAL SUMMARY
GUIDES

A series of 11 clinical summary guides on the
diagnosis and management of male sexual and
reproductive health conditions was developed
in 2007 and updated in 2010. The guides
are available in hard-copy and are available
to download from the Andrology Australia
website. To date, more than 3300 sets of the
clinical guides have been distributed to health
professionals and about 2000 individual guides
are downloaded from the website each month.

Through generous support from the Department
of Health and Ageing, there has been extensive
promotion of the clinical summary guides during
2011. This has resulted in increased demand
for the resources, with more than 850 sets
distributed between June and December.

MALE REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH EDUCATION
FOR ETHNIC GENERAL
PRACTITIONERS

In 2011, the CALD Men’s Health Reference Group oversaw an initiative to pilot test
 provision of male reproductive health education to GPs from ethnic medical associations,
 initially Chinese and Vietnamese communities. The outcomes from the project, which is
 funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, will inform a
 broader strategy to provide education for GPs from other ethnic communities.

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE
(CALD) MEN’S HEALTH REFERENCE GROUP

In collaboration with NSW Multicultural Health
Communication Service, Andrology Australia
has established a reference group to assist with
the identification, review and development of
education material that addresses men’s health
information and education needs specifically
for men from CALD backgrounds. The reference
group provides guidance through dialogue and
broader consultation to identify priority education
needs and the best approaches and formats for
dissemination of male-specific health information
to men and health professionals from CALD
communities.

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Andrology Australia, Vic.

DR CAROL HOLDEN
Andrology Australia, Vic.

DR SUNDRAM SIVAMALAI
Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of
Australia (FECCA), ACT

MR PETER TODARO (CHAIR)
NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service,
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MR CHRIS GOLLAN
NSW Multicultural Health Communication
Service, NSW

MS ZHIHONG GU
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland
(ECCQ), Qld
COLLABORATIONS

Formalised collaborations enable Andrology Australia to act as a ‘virtual centre’ – linking with organisations to enhance the outreach and build on work being undertaken elsewhere. These agreements improve knowledge sharing and build capacity for the improvement of men’s health in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN PRACTICE NURSES ASSOCIATION
Andrology Australia formed a partnership with the Australian Practice Nurses Association to develop men's health education specific to the needs of practice nurses. The collaboration reflects the growing role practice nurses play in general practice.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Andrology Australia is collaborating with the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia to accredit and pilot test the delivery of the male health education module for Aboriginal Health Workers.

BEYONDBLUE: THE NATIONAL DEPRESSION INITIATIVE
Beyondblue and Andrology Australia have formed a partnership to capitalise on opportunities for cooperative research initiatives and the co-development of resources. The partnership allows for the development and cross promotion of joint education resources and support tools for community and health professional education.

CANCER AUSTRALIA
Andrology Australia has formed a partnership with Cancer Australia to develop endorsed minimum data sets for prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Working groups have been established for both projects with input from specialists across Australia.

FERTILITY COALITION
A collaboration between Andrology Australia, the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA), Jean Hailes for Women’s Health, and the Robinson Institute (University of Adelaide) has been established to undertake a national public education campaign to prevent and treat involuntary infertility. The initiative titled ‘Your Fertility’ receives funding from the Australian Government under the Family Planning Grants Program administered by the Department of Health and Ageing.

FERTILITY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
Andrology Australia is collaborating with the Fertility Society of Australia’s Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee to develop guidelines for male health evaluation as part of infertility assessment. A Male Fertility Assessment form will be available to health professionals from early 2012.

NSW MULTICULTURAL HEALTH COMMUNICATION SERVICE
The NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service was established in 1997 to develop a coordinated statewide approach to provide information about health issues and health services to people who speak languages other than English. Andrology Australia’s partnership with the NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service aims to raise awareness of men’s health in culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities by better understanding the health information and education needs of health professionals working in men's health in CALD communities.

LIONS AUSTRALIA
Andrology Australia continues to ensure that quality prostate cancer education is available through the Lions Australian Prostate Cancer website (www.prostatehealth.org.au) by managing the website on behalf of the former Australian Prostate Cancer Collaboration (APCC) and Lions Australia

MIBBINBAH LIMITED
‘Mibbinbah’ (men’s place) is a Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRC-AH) endorsed and funded research project, committed to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males by providing safe spaces, education and support. It seeks to empower individuals to regain their rightful place in society. Through partnership with research bodies, Mibbinbah explores the extent of the impact a safe men’s space can have on a man’s health and well-being. Andrology Australia is providing infrastructure support to Mibbinbah for a part-time secretariat role to coordinate the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Researcher Network.
RESEARCH

Andrology Australia continued to promote the importance of increasing the evidence base on men’s health as part of a broader men’s health research agenda to better inform policy and practice in men’s health in Australia.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MALE HEALTH RESEARCHER NETWORK

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Researcher Network arose from the need to support and maintain the network of a growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male health researchers, health advocates and leaders from across Australia.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Researcher Network is expected to play an important lead role in research development, policy consultation and program development through stronger connections with Indigenous men, families and communities, community controlled and mainstream service providers, and Government.

Andrology Australia provides support for a part-time secretariat role to support the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Researcher Network for a sustainable future. The position is coordinated at Mibbinbah (a CRCAH endorsed and funded research project, www.mibbinbah.org) and aims to act as a central contact point for the Network and to assist in facilitating meetings and sourcing funding.

KLINEFELTER’S SYNDROME POPULATION SCREENING

Andrology Australia provided support for a PhD scholarship to determine the psychosocial impact of Klinefelter’s syndrome, specifically the effects of age at diagnosis, and the feasibility of population-based genetic screening for this condition. The candidate, Amy Herlihy, successfully graduated in May 2011. Amy conducted the study with the Public Health Genetics Group at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute in Melbourne and financial support was provided by Andrology Australia and Bayer Schering Pharma. Other collaborative partners included Prince Henry’s Institute and the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Monash University.

The study has made a major contribution to the field with seven publications in peer-reviewed journals, many national and international presentations and several awards. It is one of the few studies in the world to assess psychosocial impacts of Klinefelter’s syndrome on men across a broad age span, and it has provided new insights for researchers and clinicians working with men with this condition.
To share knowledge with the academic and medical communities and to further promote Andrology Australia in the wider domain, important research is published and results presented at professional conferences. By sharing such knowledge, new research collaborations can be identified to further develop the evidence-base and improve the status of men’s health in Australia.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Sixty national and international peer-reviewed journal articles by Andrology Australia have been published since the program’s inception. For a full list of articles, please email sophia.arthur@monash.edu.

**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED IN 2011:**

- Holden CA, Lin V. Network structures and their relevance to the policy cycle: The National Male Health Policy of Australia as a case study. Social Science and Medicine 2011; DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2011.10.015

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**INTERNATIONAL:**


**NATIONAL:**

- Bonson J, Holden C, Wenitong M. Promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male health: developing an Aboriginal Health Worker training module. Australian Health Promotion Association. Cairns, Qld: April, 2011


ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Andrology Australia operates a unique collaborative program on men’s health drawing on the expertise of leading health and education experts from across the country. Described as a ‘centre without walls’, the structure capitalises on opportunities for collaboration, to create maximum output from a limited pool of resources.
ADVISORY BOARD

An advisory board of key business, medical and community leaders guide the Director, CEO and Management Group in their role to administer and monitor the Commonwealth grant funding and any additional financial support to ensure all objectives of Andrology Australia are achieved.

MR MARK RAYNER (CHAIRMAN, VIC)
Mark is an experienced businessman, appointed by the Minister for Health to act as Chairman of Andrology Australia. He is a former Director and Chairman of a number of major publicly listed companies.

A/PROFESSOR MARK FRYDENBERG (VIC)
Mark is Head of Urology at Monash Medical Centre and Associate Professor in Monash University’s Department of Surgery. Mark is one of Australia’s most respected authorities in urological oncology. He is also the chairman of the Urologic Oncology Special Advisory Group of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand.

PROFESSOR RA “FRANK” GARDINER (QLD)
Frank is an academic urologist based at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital and has adjunct titles at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and Queensland University of Technology. He is a consultant urologist at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital with extensive clinical and research experience of 30 years. Frank is on the editorial board of six international medical journals, is a website editor of BJU International, and instigator and sub-editor of FingerTip Urology.

PROFESSOR DAVID HANDELSMAN (NSW)
David is Foundation Director of the ANZAC Research Institute and Department of Andrology at Concord Hospital and the University of Sydney. David is Australia’s first Professor of Andrology and has long had interest in all aspects of male reproductive health, medicine and biology.

A/PROFESSOR NOEL HAYMAN (QLD)
Noel is an Australian Aboriginal General Practitioner and public health physician with a dedicated interest in Indigenous health. He was one of the first Aboriginal men to complete a degree in medicine at University of Queensland, at which he is now an Associate Professor with the School of Medicine.
PROFESSOR DAVID DE KRETSER AC (VIC)

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PROFESSOR SALLY REDMAN (NSW)

Sally is CEO of the Sax Institute, which is responsible for the 45 and Up Study – Australia’s largest study on health and ageing. Sally is a public health researcher with an interest in evaluating programs designed to improve health and health care. She has authored more than 160 publications in peer-reviewed journals and currently leads an NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in increasing the use of research evidence in policy.

A/PROFESSOR DOUG LORDING (VIC)

Doug is an Endocrinologist and Andrologist in private practice at Cabrini Hospital, Melbourne. Doug has a 30 year interest in sexual medicine and testosterone use in men, and is a national expert in erectile dysfunction. Doug has extensive clinical trial experience, has held many hospital administrative positions and is an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Monash University.

MR GEOFF WALSH AO (VIC)

Geoff is Special Adviser to the CEO of BHP Billiton after a career spanning politics, government and the media. He was National Secretary of the Australian Labor Party (2000-2003) and a senior adviser to Australian Prime Ministers Bob Hawke and Paul Keating, and to Victorian Premiers Steve Bracks and John Brumby. Geoff also served as Australian Consul-General in Hong Kong (1995-1998) and as head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s Public Affairs Division.

PROFESSOR WAYNE TILLEY (SA)

Wayne is the inaugural Chair of the Dame Roma Mitchell Cancer Research Laboratories, Hanson Institute and University of Adelaide, and heads an internationally acclaimed research program in the fields of androgen action and prostate cancer. He is a research consultant and scientific advisor to a number of agencies involved in cancer therapeutics development. Wayne is also Chair of the Research Leadership Group for the Adelaide Prostate Cancer Research Centre and a founding member of the Freemason’s Foundation Centre for Men’s Health.

A/PROFESSOR ALAN WRIGHT (WA)

Alan is a general practitioner with extensive experience in men’s health management. With a significant interest in GP education in the area of men’s health, Alan has worked in general practice in Western Australia since 1983. He is currently Chair of the Communication and Clinical Practice Domain at the School of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame Australia.
MANAGEMENT GROUP

A local Management Group of experts in clinical and research areas of male reproductive medicine and public health, assists the CEO and administrative team in implementing the activities of the Andrology Australia program.

DR CAROL HOLDEN (CEO)

Carol joined Andrology Australia at its inception in 1999 and ensures the Centre maintains effective administrative and financial management and oversees the outputs of specific project activities. Carol has received a number of awards for her innovative work in men’s health, including the Monash Faculty of Medicine Dean’s Award for Excellence, which recognises contributions that exceed the normal requirements of the position. Published internationally, Carol has more than 20 years’ experience in male reproductive health education and research. She recently completed a Masters of Public Health (La Trobe University) with a special interest in health policy.

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PROFESSOR ROBERT MCCLACHLAN (DIRECTOR)

Rob is an NHMRC Principal Research Fellow at Prince Henry’s Institute and is Deputy Director of Endocrinology at the Monash Medical Centre. He specialises in the area of male reproductive medicine and has made significant contributions to research in endocrinology, infertility and andrology. He combines his academic career with active clinical practice as a consultant in these fields. Rob is a consultant to the World Health Organisation (WHO) on male infertility regulation, is a former president of the Fertility Society of Australia, and former Secretary of the International Society of Andrology.

PROFESSOR MARIAN PITTS

Marian is the Director of the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS), La Trobe University. As Director, Marian has been responsible for building and directing a multi-disciplinary team with expertise in psychology, anthropology, sociology, public health, health promotion, methodology, epidemiology, education, women’s health, consumer advocacy and health policy. She has been invited to advise state and federal ministerial committees related to sexual health and STIs, the World Health Organization in the areas of sex and sexual health, the Ford Foundation, and the New Zealand Ministry of Health. Marian is also involved in a number of expert panels and contributes to the work of HIV sector community organisations. Marian resigned from her role with Andrology Australia in August 2011.

PROFESSOR GAIL RISBRIDGER

Gail is Deputy Dean (Special Projects) and Head, prostate and breast cancer research program in the Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology at Monash University. Gail and her team aim to better understand prostate disease, leading to improved diagnosis and treatment of both benign and malignant prostate disease. Gail is a Fulbright Senior Scholar, recipient of the British Endocrine Society Oceania Award, and Honorary Life Member of The Endocrine Society of Australia – given in recognition of her significant contribution to endocrinology.

A/PROFESSOR PETER ROYCE

Peter is Director of Urology, Alfred Hospital, Senior Consultant Urologic Surgeon at The Alfred and Cabrini Hospitals in Melbourne, and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Monash University. He was awarded Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (Urology) 1986 and Fellow American College of Surgeons in 1993. Peter was co-founder of the Melbourne Prostate Institute/Brachytherapy Prostate Cancer Clinic at The Alfred. He specialises in treatment of genitourinary cancers and has extensive experience with radical prostatectomy, prostate brachytherapy and high intensity focused ultrasound for the treatment of localised prostate cancer.
AFFILIATES

AND REVIEWERS

Andrology Australia would like to acknowledge and thank all Affiliates in 2011 for their contributions to the program acting as educational facilitators at professional workshops, speaking at community events, reviewing drafted education material and/or acting as general advisors on relevant topics of men’s health information:

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Working groups are established to design, develop and initiate a program of activity consistent with Andrology Australia objectives. Individuals from across Australia with expertise in the specific project area, including Andrology Australia representatives, identify and explore potential opportunities and funding sources that may support these initiatives. The working groups guide development of the relevant project and provide valuable expertise and insight into men’s health and associated conditions.

Andrology Australia would like to acknowledge the support and involvement of all working group members as listed with the relevant projects throughout this report.
ADMINISTRATION

Andrology Australia is administered by Monash Institute of Medical Research (MIMR) based at Monash University, Victoria. MIMR was chosen by the Federal Government due to its international reputation and expertise in the area of male reproductive health. Monash University is the legal entity for Andrology Australia.

A core team of administrative staff supports the Director, CEO and Management Group to ensure smooth running of the program on a day-to-day basis.

DR VERONICA COLLINS
Veronica is the Scientific Writer for Andrology Australia and is responsible for knowledge translation of evidence for consumers and health professionals.

MS VERONICA GALDAMES
Veronica is a Project Officer and coordinates the working groups and research projects and activities of the CALD Reference Group.

MR DUNCAN MCADAMS
Duncan is the Online Communications Officer and is responsible for the online communication activities of the program.

MS WENDY THOMAS
Wendy is the Education Liaison Officer and focuses on building relationships and coordinating projects with community and health professional organisations.

MS ELIZABETH ROWELL
Elizabeth is the Executive Assistant and provides executive support to the Director, CEO and Management Group.

MS TALETHA RIZIO
Taletha is the Education Liaison Officer and focuses on building relationships and coordinating projects with community and health professional organisations. Taletha is currently on maternity leave and is returning in November 2012.

DR CAROLYN ALLAN
Carolyn is the medical advisor and assists with the development of consumer and professional information for the program.

MS SOPHIA ARTHUR
Sophia is the Public Relations and Communications Officer and is responsible for the program’s publications and media liaison.

MS JESSICA BECA
Jessica is the Administrative Officer and provides administrative support to the program.
FINANCES

Funding is allocated to infrastructure and administrative expenses, community and professional education programs, and to the support of research.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2010-2011 financial year (FY 2011) represents the first year of a two-year funding cycle (2010-2012) provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). With short-term funding cycles, program activity reflects a balance between maintenance of program activity and the short-term period of funding support.

During the FY 2011, Andrology Australia continued its core activities in community and professional education with an additional focus on the development of longer term approaches to increase men’s health workforce capacity in a range of professional sectors.

Total income for FY 2011 was approximately $1.4 million with government funding for the Andrology Australia program representing ~90% of total income. Opportunities to diversify the income stream were explored with submission of proposals to trusts, foundations and other funding schemes.

EXPENDITURE

FY 2011

Expenditure is directed to the six strategic areas as described in the Andrology Australia Project Plan. The primary areas of expenditure relate to the provision of community and professional information (Education) and support for other organizations undertaking men’s health activities and workforce development (Organisational support and capacity building). The infrastructure and support platform are well established at the Monash Institute of Medical Research, Monash University.

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INCOME

FY 2011

89%
DOHA FUNDING

7%
TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

4%
DONATIONS & SALES

The Andrology Australia Management Group and Advisory Board provide guidance and advice in the administration and monitoring of funding received for the Andrology Australia program. The Andrology Australia end of year financial statement is independently audited by RSM Bird Cameron (Vic.).
SUPPORT US

Andrology Australia is the country’s peak authority on male reproductive health and associated conditions. We need your support to continue our community and professional education programs as well as research into important aspects of men’s health.

With your help we can continue to improve and expand our resources and research to help even more men and their families understand and manage their reproductive health concerns.

Andrology Australia would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to those individuals and organisations that have given a donation and provided gifts in memoriam over the past year. Such gifts of generosity are valued as they help us to continue to enhance men’s health and well-being by addressing a range of men’s health issues through educational programs and research.

DONOR & BEQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ANDROLOGY AUSTRALIA WITH MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF:

- $50: Help maintain our Andrology Australia information line (1300 303 878)
- $75: Empower men to better understand and manage their health, by providing a Men's Health Education Kit to a community organisation
- $150: Contribute to sustaining a strong research program in male reproductive health by helping to sponsor/postgraduate students
- Other amount $____________

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OR

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$150 to assist in sponsoring a PhD student researching male reproductive health

PAYMENT OPTIONS: All donations of $2 or more are tax-deductible. Official receipts for tax purposes will be provided.

Cheque  (please make payable to Andrology Australia (MIMR))

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Email:  Phone:

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