

Paediatric Pain Team Researchers: Biographical statements



Matthew Crawford, MB, BS, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA, FCICM
Clinical Director, Procedural Directorate and Director of Department of Pain and Palliative Care

Dr Crawford is the Director of Pain and Palliative Care and oversees the Pain Research Unit. He participates in selected projects and is an important liaison person within the hospital and externally.



Tiina Jaaniste (nee Piira), B.Sc.(Psychol), M.Psychol.(Clinical), PhD

Head of Paediatric Pain & Palliative Care Research

Dr Jaaniste has a background in clinical psychology. She has been carrying out paediatric pain research for over 15 years. Since January 2014 she leads the paediatric pain research team. She is also Senior Conjoint Lecturer, School of Women's and Children's Health, University of New South Wales. Dr Jaaniste has over 35 peer reviewed journal publications. Her research interests include information provision to children and families; pain assessment in children; somatosensory testing in children with chronic pain; paediatric chronic pain and the family; attention and distraction.

Dr Jaaniste was Secretary of the Pain in Childhood Special Interest Group, International Association for the Study of Pain (2007-2012) and Council Member (2006-2013). She was on the Scientific Program Committee for the 7th International Symposium on Paediatric Pain, Vancouver, 2006. Dr Jaaniste was also Secretary of the Steering Committee of the 6th International Symposium on Paediatric Pain, Sydney 2003. Dr Jaaniste has a long-standing association with the Canadian Institutes of Child Health Pain in Child Health (PICH) Strategic Training Initiative, initially as an International Trainee and subsequently as an International Collaborator. She serves as a journal reviewer for numerous pain journals.



G. David Champion, MB, BS, MD, FRACP, FFPMANZCA
Founder & Past Director (until Jan. 2014) of the Paediatric Pain Research, Department of Pain and Palliative Care; Honorary Visiting Physician, Paediatric Rheumatology and Pain Medicine

Associate Professor Champion has a longstanding commitment to paediatric pain research, being the founder of the Paediatric Pain Research Unit in 1988. He has led the team for over 25 years, handing over the directorship in 2014. He remains passionately involved in a number of projects, particularly a series of twin studies

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investigating various paediatric pain and related conditions. Dr Champion is a Conjoint Associate Professor through the School of Women's and Children's Health, University of New South Wales. He is a member of an international committee dedicated to the classification of growing pains and restless legs syndrome.

A/Professor Champion has served as Councillor for Pain in Childhood, a Special Interest Group of the International Association for the Study of Pain (1990-94), and was a member of the Scientific Program Committee for the Third International Symposium on Paediatric Pain (1994). He also represented paediatrics and musculoskeletal medicine on the Scientific Program Committee for the Eighth World Congress of Pain (1993-96). He was Co-Convenor, and Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, Sixth International Symposium on Paediatric Pain, Sydney 2003.

Aneeka Bott, B.Psychology(Hons.) Research Scientist, Department of Pain & Palliative Care



Aneeka Bott is a full-time research scientist working in the paediatric pain and palliative care. She completed a Bachelor of Psychology degree (honours) at The University of Sydney in 2012, before joining the team in 2013. Ms Bott's current research areas include studies examining the heritability and associations of the common pain disorders of childhood, restless legs syndrome, iron deficiency and anxious depression. She also assists members of the SCH Chronic Pain and Palliative Care teams with the design and analysis of their research projects.

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CLINICAL RESEARCHERS

There is extensive collaboration between the dedicated research team and the clinical service team members. Many of the clinical team members have extensive research experience and also supervise student research projects.

David Anderson Clinical Nurse Consultant (Chronic Pain)

Dave coordinates the SCH Chronic Paediatric Pain Clinic. He has been actively involved in the development of a national database for the assessment of paediatric chronic pain patients. Dave has a current research and clinical interest in the use of actography to assess activity and sleep levels in paediatric chronic pain patients.



Meg Goodison-Farnsworth, RN, B.Sc.(Hons.)Psychology, PhD Clinical Psychologist (Chronic Pain Service)

Dr Goodison-Farnsworth is clinical psychologist with over 9 years' experience working in paediatric health. She uses an Acceptance Commitment Therapy (ACT) approach in the management of paediatric patients with persistent pain. Her research interests include: prevalence of paediatric persistent pain; parental education; family functioning; and referral patterns in community and tertiary settings. Dr Goodison-Farnsworth supervises medical students (research supervision) and clinical psychology Master's students (clinical supervision).



Peter Gormly, Ba.Social Work Senior Social Worker (Chronic Pain Service)

Peter has over 20 years' experience working in the field of social welfare. He has extensive experience working with children and adolescents, with a particular focus on child protection and mental health. Peter has supported patients and families in the paediatric chronic pain team since 2010. He has contributed to research projects that have a social/familial perspective.

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**Kirsty-Leah Goymour, Ba. of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
Senior Play Therapist (Pain and Palliative Care Service)**

Kirsty is a Senior Play Therapist with a Bachelor of Teaching- Early Childhood Education. She has been a Play Therapist at Sydney Children's Hospital for 18 years and with the Pain Team for 3 years. Kirsty has a strong interest in research that looks at play, recreation and distraction techniques for children and adolescents with chronic pain.

**Megan James, B.Nursing, Grad.Cert. (Paed. Nursing), M.Clinical Nursing
Clinical Nurse Consultant (Acute Pain)**

Megan has been specialising in the field of paediatric pain since 2009. She has previous experience in paediatric haematology/oncology. Megan is the Secretary, of the Australian Pain Society- Special Interest Group for Pain (2011-present). Megan is involved in various paediatric acute pain research projects and quality improvement projects.

**Tracey Kenmuir, B.Occupational Therapy; M.Educational Studies
Occupational Therapist (Chronic Pain and Palliative Care Service)**

Tracey is an experienced occupational therapist who has been working with the chronic pain team and the palliative care team. She has a particular interest in parent education and has been integral to the development of a parent education program for the parents of chronic pain patients.



**Tamara Lang, D.Phil., M.Psychol.(Clinical)
Clinical Psychologist (Pain & Palliative Care Service)**

Dr Lang has been working in the SCH Pain Team since 2011 both as a Research Scientist and as a Clinical Psychologist. She completed her Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford (2009) and Masters of Clinical Psychology at the University of New South Wales (2012). Dr Lang has over 10 publications, many of

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which focus on cognitive biases and mood. She currently supervises student research projects in the field of paediatric chronic pain.



**Marianne McCormick, B.App.Sc.(Physiotherapy)
Senior Physiotherapist (Pain and Palliative Care Service)**

Marianne McCormick, is the Senior Physiotherapist for the Pain and Palliative Care unit at the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Randwick. She has worked in this role since 2008. Marianne graduated from the University of Sydney in 1991 and has extensive clinical experience in paediatric physiotherapy in both tertiary hospital settings, and in rural and community settings in New South Wales and in the United Kingdom. She is involved in the clinical assessment, treatment and management of children with chronic pain disorders. She carries out clinical research into the best practice model of physiotherapy management for this population, the role of somatosensory testing in the clinical setting, chronic pain prevalence, the use of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) in paediatric chronic pain, and

online education of pain management principles. She is a Conjoint Associate Lecturer in the School of Women's and Children's Health at the University of New South Wales.



**Jordan Wood, MBChB, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA,
PG.Dip.SportMed.
Pain Specialist & Anaesthetist**

Dr Jordan Wood is an anaesthetist and specialist pain medicine physician at Sydney Children's Hospital. He is the director of the acute and procedural pain services. He is also a conjoint associate lecturer at UNSW. Dr Wood's research interests include postoperative pain management, complex chronic pain management in children, and multidisciplinary teamwork in pain control in palliative care. In 2014 Dr Wood is supervising two medical students researching postoperative pain outcomes following appendicectomy and tonsillectomy surgery.