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**ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting will bring together
experts in the field of geriatric medicine**

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting from 13-15 May 2019 in Adelaide.

The three day event is the premiere conference for Geriatric Medicine in Australasia and will bring over 600 delegates together under the theme of "Geriatric Medicine – Best care to the end", focusing on evidence and innovation in the care of older adults and in end of life care.

"We are very excited about the program for the ANZSGM ASM 2019, we hope it will inspire delegates to make continuous improvements in the care of older people." said Co-Convenor Dr Clare Haylock.

The program will be highlighted by keynote international speaker, Professor Roger Wong, Executive Associate Dean at the University of British Columbia and Head of Geriatric Consultation Program at Vancouver General Hospital who will speak about implementing older-people friendly models of care in acute hospitals.

Professor Wong will share lessons from Canada and advise on quality improvement in the care for older people. He aims to advance academic and clinical health sciences related to geriatrics, and his work has had a significant impact on the care for older people in Canada and around the world.

Professor Ken Hillman, Professor of Intensive Care at the University of New South Wales and author of "A good life to the end" will present the national keynote address and will speak about what palliative care means for the elderly person. He will explore anticipating death, the systems and supports in palliative care and the health and social policies that exist.

The program will also feature updates in cardiovascular and neurological diseases in older patients.

The meeting will be held from 13-15 May 2019 at the recently redeveloped Adelaide Convention Centre in the heart of Adelaide. For more information on the full program please refer to the website <http://www.anzsgmconference.org/>.

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Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM)

The ANZSGM represents geriatricians and medical professionals who strive to provide the best possible health care and support for older people, working to improve their quality of life and well-being.

The Society has over 1,000 members in Australia and New Zealand who work across all healthcare settings and are experts in managing the complex medical and related problems faced by older people. We treat many conditions common to older people, and through professional assessment and tailored intervention support older people to maintain their independence and remain at home.

We contribute to maintaining a specialised skilled workforce to meet the future needs and challenges of a rapidly ageing population. We advocate for improvements to policy and social attitudes to recognise older people as valued members of our society.

To find out more visit: <http://www.anzsgm.org/>

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