

**The Australasian Symposium on Neck Pain**  
**Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia - 23 November 2008**

The Australasian Symposium on Neck Pain, to be held in Adelaide on 23 November, is a critical event for healthcare professionals, researchers and policy makers from Australia, the western Pacific and south-east Asia.

Dr Margareta Nordin, Dr Pierre Côté and Dr Linda Carroll from the international Bone and Joint Decade 2000 – 2010 Task Force on Neck Pain and Associated Disorders will present key findings from six years of research around the management of neck pain and the implications for policy and practice.

These findings, from the most ambitious attempt ever considered to look at the scientific literature on neck pain, will have a significant impact on the manner in which it is perceived, treated and studied around the world.

The Task Force, which includes international clinicians and scientists, has presented its findings to audiences in Europe, America and Canada. This Symposium will provide a unique opportunity Australasian professionals to interact with these internationally recognised experts here in Australia.

This special one-day event will include:

- presentations and panel discussions on issues surrounding neck pain and their impact from a variety of perspectives, including population health, employment and injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents;
- diagnosis and treatment, including surgical and non-surgical treatment regimes and potential complications;
- forecasting and new conceptual models for treating neck pain;
- implications for health care providers and injured people;
- recommendations for clinicians, researchers, patients and policy makers; and
- the opportunity to meet the experts, network with participants from linked industries and gain professional development points.

The multidisciplinary, international Task Force involved more than 50 researchers based in nine countries and represented 14 different clinical and scientific disciplines in eight universities. The group assembled the best international research data on neck pain and related disorders – specifically more than 31,000 research citations with subsequent analysis of over 1,000 studies. The Task Force was given official status in 2002 by the Steering Committee of the Bone and Joint Decade, which is an initiative of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation.

*The Australasian Symposium on Neck Pain will be held on 23 November 2008 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, back-to-back with the Better Choices Better Health: Improving Compensation Outcomes Conference, to be held 24-26 November 2008.*

*\*Professional development points apply for both events.*

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