

Improving the quality of life for people in pain through novel, cost effective pain assessment tools

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ePAT signs core strategic agreement with Dementia Support Australia (DSA)

- ePAT achieves first commercial agreement for clinical use of its TGA cleared pain assessment tool (ePAT App) with Dementia Support Australia (DSA).
- DSA are government funded dementia support specialists with a nationwide team of 150 clinical consultants covering community, residential and acute settings.
- DSA will use the ePAT App as a first line pain assessment tool for around 5,000 people with dementia in Australia each year.
- This is a significant milestone in accelerating the commercialisation of the ePAT App in Australia and overseas.

ePAT Technologies is delighted to announce it has signed its first commercial agreement for the clinical use of its pain assessment tool known as the ePAT App, with Dementia Support Australia (DSA).

DSA provides nationwide consultant support and advice to carers of people with dementia who have behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia that are impacting on their care. DSA is available to assist in community, residential and acute settings.

The agreement involves deploying the ePAT App to DSA consultants for the purpose of assessing and monitoring pain. The ePAT App will be used to perform a baseline pain assessment during the consultant's first visit to a patient and be used on subsequent visits to perform follow-up pain assessments so that the changes in the patients' pain levels and associated behaviours are recorded. Typically DSA consultants will be involved with a particular patient for a 4-6 week period.

Commencing in WA and SA from late September 2017 it is projected that the App will be fully embedded across DSA by Q1 2018. DSA's 150 DSA consultants carry out approximately 5000 dementia patient assessments each year.

The agreement covers the period up until 30 June 2019 although it may be terminated early after 31 March 2018 upon 3 months notice. Under the terms of the agreement the maximum fees payable to ePAT are \$40,000 per annum.

ePAT CEO, Philip Daffas, said he was delighted to have the opportunity to work with the Dementia Support Australia team to improve the quality of life for people with dementia in Australia. "This is a strategic relationship that has been developed over many months. We believe this is a unique combination of two Australian organisations working together to achieve a common goal in dementia," he said.

"This agreement is core to accelerating the awareness and commercialisation of the ePAT App across approximately 1,300 residential aged care and home care providers supporting many of the 400,000 people with dementia in Australia. This agreement also keeps us on track to meet our consistently stated goal of achieving broader commercialisation of the ePAT App during Q4 2017."

Dementia Services Australia Director, A/Prof Cunningham said: "This technology allows our consultants, who have been called in to assist someone with dementia, to understand the cause of a perceived severe behaviour, enabling them to quickly identify if that person is in pain,"

"An outcome of dementia can be a loss of ability to communicate and when that person is in pain it is sometimes displayed in frustration or behaviour that is out of character.

"As a result, pain for people living with dementia may often go undetected or under-treated. DSA estimates that more than 70% of their clients are experiencing under-treated or undiagnosed pain which impacts their quality of life significantly," he said.

"It gives us great confidence that that the arrangement between DSA and ePAT will be a resounding success." said both Daffas and Prof Cunningham

About Dementia Support Australia:

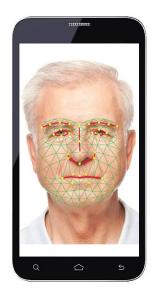
Dementia Support Australia (DSA) is a partnership, led by HammondCare and funded by the Commonwealth Government, that comprises the National Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service and the Severe Behaviour Response Team.

For more information. http://www.dementiacentre.com.au

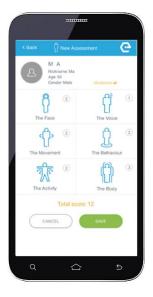
About ePAT:

ePAT Technologies Limited is an Australian based company that has developed mobile medical applications to provide pain assessment for individuals that are unable to communicate verbally with their carers.

ePAT's technology, a mobile application, the ePAT App*, uses cameras in smartphones and tablets to capture a brief video of the person, which is analysed in real time using facial recognition software to detect the presence of facial micro- expressions that are indicative of the presence of pain.







The ePAT App six domains of pain assessment that calculates pain severity score

This data is then combined with other indicators of pain, such as vocalisations, behaviours and movements captured through the ePAT App to calculate a pain severity score. Due to its ease of use and its reproducibility, the ePAT App will be able to be used in the first instance to detect and measure a person's pain, and then further measurements can be used to monitor the effectiveness of pain management.

The ePAT App will be rolled out globally in two phases: first, the ePAT App for Dementia for people who are unable to communicate effectively, and second, the ePAT App for Children who have not yet learnt to speak.

*The ePAT App is a Class 1 Medical Device that has TGA (Australia) and CE mark (Europe Economic Area) regulatory clearance.

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