



# DISCIPLINE OF GENERAL PRACTICE TEACHING NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome to another year of teaching our University of Queensland medical students in your general practice. Both the third year General Practice Rotation and the second year Urban LInCC placements were again rated very highly by students in 2014, which is a fitting tribute to your teaching.*

*The first cohort of University of Queensland MD students have now started in the new programme. Changes to the curriculum include the addition of new Health, Society and Research courses in the first two years (Phase One), and a number of changes to the final two years. Some of these changes will be piloted next year. There will be closer links between our general practice curriculum and that of the Mental Health, Rural general practice and Medicine in Society courses. Key changes which you will notice are that the academic year will start two weeks later in January than currently, and there will be a much shorter break between placement rotations, except for a three week teaching break between Rotations 3 and 4. There will be six rotations, each of six weeks duration, and we anticipate that your students will each still attend for a minimum of 28 sessions.*

*The PIP payment increase for medical student teaching to \$200 per session starting in 2015 is a welcome recognition of your teaching. We were delighted to see so many of you at the GP Teachers evening held in November last year, and look forward to another rewarding year of teaching,*

*Professor Mieke van Driel, Head of Discipline*

*Associate Professor Nancy Sturman, Academic Coordinator*

Featured Profile: Assoc Professor Wendy Brodribb



Wendy has been working with medical students for the past six years. She has previously taught a wide variety of health professionals about breastfeeding and lactation, as well as designed and prepared examinations.

In addition to tutoring and examining 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students for DGP, Wendy is supervising a number of students with research projects and she oversees the Research and Higher Degree students within DGP.

After working in general practice, particularly in areas of women's health, Wendy completed a PhD entitled "Improving the breastfeeding skills and knowledge of GP registrars" in 2009. Her main research interests continue to focus on breastfeeding and postpartum care in the community – from the perspective of both the mother and GP – and health professional education. She recently published an internationally acclaimed textbook on breastfeeding. At present she is the President of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, an international organisation based in New York of medical practitioners with a specific interest in protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding and educating other medical practitioners about breastfeeding from a medical point of view.

## 2015 Third Year GP rotation dates:

12<sup>th</sup> January – 8<sup>th</sup> March  
16<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> May  
18<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> July  
20<sup>th</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> September  
21<sup>st</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> November

## 2015 Urban LInCC Placement Dates

23<sup>rd</sup> February – 29<sup>th</sup> May  
20<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

