



DISCIPLINE OF GENERAL PRACTICE TEACHING NEWSLETTER

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We continue to be delighted with student feedback and evaluations of the General Practice Rotation. The Australian Medical Council (AMC) recently spoke to a group of medical students undergoing general practice placements, as part of their accreditation visit, and the panel was impressed by student comments about feeling respected and appreciated as part of the team. The AMC commented on the high quality of our extensive network of general practitioner teachers, in both urban and rural settings. We agree! Our rotation also again received the highest ratings for Overall Teaching of all the third year rotations, and many students commented favourably on the range of learning opportunities on offer.

Please join us for the **GP Teachers Evening** on **November 5th 2014**, here at the Discipline of General Practice in Herston. Save the date in your calendar! We will email a flier through next month with details of the event. The evening will include speakers from the School of Medicine, a GP teacher panel, and an interactive presentation on the assessment of medical student clinical skills. Dinner will be provided.

This is an opportunity for us to thank you for your teaching, and we look forward to welcoming many of you on the night.

Best wishes

Professor Mieke van Driel and Dr Nancy Sturman

Congratulations Camp Hill Healthcare consultant pharmacist, Dr Chris Freeman, has been named as the winner of the 2014 AACP Consultant Pharmacist of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the practice of consultant pharmacy. Chris' interests include the optimal use of pharmacists within the primary care setting.

Featured Profile: Dr Margaret Kay



Margaret has been involved in teaching in primary health care since 1987. She is currently a Senior Lecturer in General Practice based at the Discipline of General Practice in Herston.

In addition to tutoring and examining in the General Practice rotation and teaching medical students in her general practice, she currently co-coordinates the Global and Community Medicine course. Margaret is passionate about research in primary care, and convenes the Discipline of General Practice research meetings. Margaret's clinical and research areas of interest include doctors' health and refugee health. In 2013, she completed her PhD "Understanding the health access behaviour of doctors seeking medical care for themselves". She is a Fellow of the RACGP, Honorary Secretary of Doctors' Health Advisory Service Queensland and a Past Chair of Refugee Health Network of Australia. Margaret is also the Clinical Lead in Refugee Health with the Greater Metro South Brisbane Medicare Local.

Important Dates

GP Teachers Evening: November 5th 2014

Third Year GP rotation dates:

2014 22nd September – 15th November
2015 12th January – 8th March
16th March – 10th May
18th May – 12th July
20th July – 13th September
21st September – 15th November



GENERAL PRACTITIONER TEACHING TIPS

Ask the student to observe the patient walking in and make diagnoses based on their observations.

Encourage the student to prioritise issues in the consultation.

Involve the student in reviewing and updating the doctor's bag emergency drugs, and discuss the use of these.

Be relaxed, approachable and available to students.

STUDENTS' GENERAL PRACTICE EVALUATIONS

The GP was wonderful to discuss cases with and ask questions, and was very informative with lots of experience to offer.

The GP gave me many opportunities to both feel useful and practice my skills.

I was able to see patients for return visits, and had great exposure to counselling in general practice

My GP kept me involved in practice learning activities with GP registrars.

ACADEMIC TITLE HOLDERS FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER TEACHERS

The Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences proudly acknowledges the dedicated work of its many externally-funded health professionals, including our general practitioner teachers.

To recognise the work of these health professionals the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences awards individuals with academic titles.

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