Welcome to the first edition of the Discipline of General Practice teaching news. We hope that it will provide a regular means of communication as well as helpful information about teaching. We plan to provide reviews of interesting teaching articles, summaries of research findings, GP profiles, teaching tips from supervisors and student feedback.

This month we are publishing some of the teaching tips provided by our GPs at the recent GP teachers evening and feedback from the 2012 3rd year GP rotation 5 students. We would like your feedback and suggestions for a name for the newsletter as well as any content you would like to see.

Happy New Year to all your staff and families!

Student Feedback

The things I liked most about my clinical attachment were:

“Both GPs were very good teachers and excellent role models. I got the opportunity to see patients on my own and develop management plans which was great for confidence building. They gave me great constructive feedback that helped my learning.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed the rotation and the variety of patients I saw. My tutors were very willing to teach and were very good role models.”

“Everything! Very enthusiastic teachers, very friendly staff, great overall environment.”

“Knowledge was passed around the lunch table. Everyone gave me lots of practical information and opportunities to chat to patients myself.”

“I learnt that you can be both a doctor and be happy.”

Teaching Tips

Treat the students as you would like to have been treated.

Daily “check in”: What do you want to learn today?

And “check out”: How did today go?

Encourage students to prioritise issues in a consultation.

Spend time getting to know their background - take them for a coffee or lunch.

Love the job.

Name This Newsletter!

Send us your suggestions to name the newsletter or vote for one of the following suggestions:

Tchatchat; Corridor Consult; Watch & Wait; Probably Viral or GP Speak

Send your suggestions for the name or newsletter content to m.henderson5@uq.edu.au

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3rd Year Rotation Dates 2013

1. 14 January - 8 March
2. 18 March - 10 May
3. 20 May - 12 July
4. 22 July - 13 September
5. 23 September - 15 November

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