



RURAL GENERALIST PATHWAY E-UPDATE

December 2010

2012 Rural Generalist Intern Applications now open

Applications are now open for Rural Generalist Intern positions in 2012. Please visit the Rural Generalist Pathway (RGP) website www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist for eligibility criteria, application forms and an information session pertaining to the pathway.

Interstate RGP developments

Interstate interest in the RGP remains strong with recent advice from the Northern Territory confirming Rural Generalist Interns will commence training in 2011.

Registrar procedural logbook entry and signoff now simpler and more secure

Recording procedural training just got easier (and more secure) for ACRRM registrars and their supervisors or administrators with the logbook that can't be lost.

For registrars: You will never lose your procedural logbook again! ACRRMs Online Services team has updated the online procedural logbook on RRMEO. As well as logging procedures, you can now edit, delete and print your logged procedures. If your certifier is not able to access RRMEO to verify that you have successfully completed a procedure, you simply record the procedure and the certifier's name and contact details. This will allow ACRRM to verify it later. You will find a link to the new Logbook Guide under the Procedural Logbook tab on your RRMEO Learning Planner.

For supervisors and administrators (with RRMEO access): There is now a multiple-sign-off page to make it simpler and easier for you to verify that specific procedures have been completed. To read the new Logbook Guide for Administrators / Supervisor on RRMEO, click Learning Planner, then the Procedural Logbook tab and look for the link to the logbook.

If you have any questions, please contact ACRRMs Vocational Training team: training@acrrm.org.au, or Freecall 1800 223 226.

Interested in undertaking procedural training in Anaesthetics? \$40,000 Commonwealth Subsidy available to eligible GPs

Funded by the Australian Government, the program awards a select number of rural GPs with a \$40,000 Commonwealth subsidy to undertake training in anaesthetics.

Applications open for the Anaesthetics component of the General Practitioner Procedural Training Support Program (GPPTSP) on Wednesday, 10 November 2010.

Applications close Tuesday, 7 December 2010. For more information, visit the [GPPTSP page](#) on the ACRRM website or email ACRRM at gpptsp@acrrm.org.au.

15th Prevocational Medical Education Conference – Melbourne 7 – 10 November 2010

The RGP was well represented by both trainees and educators at the 15th National Prevocational Medical Education Conference held in Melbourne from 7 – 10 November.

The highlight of the conference was undoubtedly the announcement of the 2010 National Junior House Officer of the Year – Dr William Liley, a PGY2 Rural Generalist Trainee in Cairns. Congratulations Bill!

Dr Dale Hanson, one of our Directors of Rural Generalist Training, presented a paper on the Rural Generalist Pathway. This session was particularly well attended and as always, generated a lot of discussion, especially from interstate attendees.

Remote Vocational Training Scheme

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) is a vocational training program for medical practitioners in remote and isolated communities throughout Australia. The RVTS offers GP registrars an alternative pathway to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and/or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).

RVTS is an independent, Commonwealth-funded four year program with its own application process and intake quota. It has been designed to deliver structured distance education and supervision to doctors while they continue to provide general medical services to a remote and/or isolated community.

Applications now open: Round 3 of applications for the 2011 intake of RVTS are now open. Limited places are available and applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 8 December 2010. Click to view [eligibility criteria](#), [FAQs](#) or to download [application documents](#). For more information, please call (02) 6021 6235.

RVTS celebrates 10 years: RVTS is celebrating 10 years of training doctors in remote communities for remote communities. There are now a total of 55 RVTS registrars in 2010, with 22 places available annually from 2011.

Trauma, Triage, Treatment and Transport: 7 December 2010 - (webcast / satellite broadcast)

This RHEF simultaneous webcast and satellite broadcast focuses on the skills needed for a timely and effective response to trauma in rural and remote Australia: skilful triage and assessment; appropriate consultation with medical services; emergency management on the ground; arrangements for timely retrieval; and preparation of patients for transfer. The expert panel includes ACRRM Fellow, Dr Minh Le Cong from RFDS. To register and view the webcast online go the [RHEF Trauma program page](#) and follow the login prompts.

ACRRM Country Watch Newsletter

The latest edition of Country Watch can be found at: <http://www.acrrm.org.au/country-watch-newsletter>

Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series 2011

The dates and locations for the 2011 Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series have now been confirmed:

5 - 7 June 2011 in Cairns

29 - 31 August 2011 in Darwin

26 - 28 September 2011 in Townsville

17 - 19 October 2011 in Mount Isa
28 - 30 November 2011 in Toowoomba

Early next year, PGY 1 & PGY 2 trainees should expect to receive further information regarding the series. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Deanne Bond by phone: 07 4616 5698 or email: rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au

2011 RDAQ Conference

The theme for the 2011 Rural Doctors Association of Queensland is *Empowering Rural & Remote Health – Daring to Dream*.

Doctors and health professionals throughout rural and regional Queensland are invited to join the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland's 22nd Annual Conference being held from the 10 – 12 June 2011 at the The Sebel, Cairns. For more information visit: <http://conference.rdaq.com.au/>

Advanced Cardiac Life Support Workshop

The Cunningham Centre Medical Education and Training (MET) team are pleased to announce the delivery of a half-day clinical emergency workshop specifically designed to meet mandatory upskilling requirements for Queensland Health medical officers and private practitioners. The workshop will focus on the principles of Advanced Cardiac Life Support as per Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines and will feature advanced emergency skills stations and hypotheticals exploring clinical reasoning.

The workshop will be facilitated by experienced clinical educators from the Royal Brisbane and Women's and Toowoomba Hospitals and will be held as a pre-conference workshop at the RDAQ Conference in Cairns on Wednesday 8 June 2011.

To find out more or to express your interest in this educational event please contact Deanne Bond on 07 4616 5698 or email CMET@health.qld.gov.au

Update your contact details

Have you moved recently or changed your phone number or email address? It would be appreciated if you could please contact the RGP team to ensure we have your most recent contact information.

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Rural Generalist Pathway website

Have you seen the RGP website? You can find it at: www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist
Your suggestions for inclusions are most welcome.

Christmas Wishes

As the year draws to a close, the RGP team would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and relaxing Christmas break. This is our last e-update for 2010 and we look forward to keeping you up to date on RGP business in 2011. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kind regards,

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