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RURAL GENERALIST PATHWAY E-UPDATE June 2011

Prevocational Rural Generalist Trainees

Orientation packages (including important information regarding Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification requirements and an ACRRM Procedural Skills Logbook) were forwarded to your hospital's Medical Education Unit (MEU) a few weeks ago. If you are yet to receive yours, please contact your local MEU or the RGP Team immediately on 4616 6947.

2012 Rural Generalist Intern Applications

Applications have now closed for the 2012 intake of Rural Generalist Internships. An impressive 76, high calibre applications were received for the 42 available positions across the 10 regional training hospitals. Successful applicants will be notified of their internship location in the coming weeks.

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Applications

Trainees who have not yet successfully gained a position with a Regional Training Provider should apply to General Practice Education and Training (GPET) this year. Applications for the 2012 intake opened on 13 May and close 17 June 2011. Please refer to the link below for more information:

<http://www.agpt.com.au/NewEvents/Update/article.shtml?article=1065183045>

GPET sign on is an important component of Rural Generalist training. It is expected that Trainees applying for Advanced Skills Training will have successfully gained a training position with GPET.

2011 Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series

The dates and locations for the 2011 Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series have now been confirmed and all PGY1 and 2 Trainees have been advised of their nominated attendance at one of the following workshops:

Cairns	5 - 7 June 2011
Darwin	29 - 31 August 2011
Townsville	26 - 28 September 2011
Mount Isa	17 - 19 October 2011
Toowoomba	28 - 30 November 2011

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Deanne Bond by phone: 07 4616 6947 or email: rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au

Advanced Skills Training – Statewide Recruitment & Selection Pilot

The RGP Team are currently rolling out a state-wide pilot process for the recruitment, placement and support of Rural Generalist Trainees and General Practice trainees pursuing a career in rural medicine, into accredited Advanced Skills Training (AST) positions across the State.

To date, Queensland Health Consultative Committees have been established for the disciplines of Anaesthetics, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Chaired by leading specialists in the relevant disciplines, the Committees continue to play an integral role in the coordination and implementation of the state-wide process which includes the development of:

1. The open merit recruitment and placement process
2. Support and networking opportunities for trainees and supervisors
3. Research and evaluation

For further information regarding the application process, please contact the RGP Team (Roma Office) on (07) 46 241 817.

Toward Excellence in Rural Generalist Practice Workshop (6 – 8 May 2011) Magnetic Island (Townsville)

A very successful three day workshop was held in May on beautiful Magnetic Island for Rural Generalist Trainees currently completing Advanced Skills Training. The workshop focused on Trainee's personal and professional development, in preparation for living and working in a rural or remote environment as a medical practitioner. The workshop included topics on:

- leading the multidisciplinary clinical team
- thriving in rural practice in the country
- rural practice hot topics

For further information regarding the next workshop, please contact Tammika Hubbard on 07 4616 6947.

2011 Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ) Conference - Cairns

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

Doctors and health professionals throughout remote, 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 Sebel hotel in Cairns. For more information visit:

<http://conference.rdaq.com.au/>

Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification Presentation

Eligible Rural Generalist Trainees who completed PGY2 in 2010 will have received correspondence from the RGP Team regarding an opportunity to be presented your Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification certificate at the RDAQ Conference. The ceremony will take place immediately after the conference welcome on Saturday 11 June. If you are unable to attend in person, alternate arrangements for receipt of your certificate will be made.

Please ensure you have provided your current contact details to the RGP Team to ensure you receive this correspondence.

Fellowed Rural Generalist Trainees

If you have recently achieved Fellowship of ACRRM or RACGP, please contact the RGP Team on 07 4624 1817 or via email rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au to advise that you have completed your training. Rural Generalist Trainees who have achieved FACRRM and/or FARGP will also be acknowledged at the RDAQ Conference so please ensure you update your contact details when you speak to a team member.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support Workshop - Cairns

The Cunningham Centre Medical Education and Training (MET) team are pleased to announce the delivery of a one-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 or Amy Keys on 07 4616 6947 or email CMET@health.qld.gov.au

Training College Newsletters

If you would like to keep updated with what is happening at the training colleges, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), you might like to check out the links below:

ACRRM Country Watch Newsletter: <https://www.acrrm.org.au/country-watch-newsletter>

RACGP Friday Facts: <http://www.racgp.org.au/fridayfacts>

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 in Roma 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.

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Kind regards

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