



## **RURAL GENERALIST PATHWAY E-UPDATE**

### **March 2011**

#### **Welcome Rural Generalist Interns!**

The Rural Generalist Pathway Team would like to welcome the 37 new Interns who commenced Rural Generalist Medicine training in 2011 and congratulate them on their successful graduation. In the coming weeks, you will receive an orientation package which includes important information regarding Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification requirements and an ACRRM Procedural Skills Logbook. These will be distributed via hospital Medical Education Units.

#### **2012 Rural Generalist Intern Applications closing soon**

Application for Rural Generalist Intern positions in 2012 close on 21 March 2011. Please visit the Rural Generalist Pathway (RGP) website [www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist) for eligibility criteria, application forms and an information session pertaining to the pathway.

#### **2011 Procedure Skills Logbook Requirements for PGY1 and 2's**

As you may be aware, one of your requirements for successful attainment of Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification is satisfactory completion of 50% of the urgent care component of the ACRRM Procedural Skills Logbook. PGY2s will all have a hard copy version of the Logbook by now and PGY1s will receive a copy in the orientation package.

Logging of procedures can be recorded on RRMEO (ACRRM's online learning platform) OR in a hard copy version of the Logbook. The 50% completion of the urgent care component equates to 15% of the entire Logbook, and therefore provides you with a 'head start' in completing your Logbook requirements for Fellowship of ACRRM.

ACRRM has now also made RRMEO's online procedural Logbook entry and sign-off process simpler and more secure.

**For Interns and Registrars** (*with RRMEO access*): You will never lose your procedural logbook again! ACRRM has updated the online procedural logbook on RRMEO ([www.rmeo.com](http://www.rmeo.com)). 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 Queensland Health and ACRRM to verify it later. You will find a link to the new Logbook Guide on RRMEO.

**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/Supervisors 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 ACRRM's Online Services team: [rmeo@acrrm.org.au](mailto:rmeo@acrrm.org.au), or Freecall 1800 223 226.

If you require any further information regarding Rural Generalist Medicine Prevocational Certification requirements please contact the team on (07) 4616 6947 or email [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au)

If you require any further information regarding ACRRM training towards Fellowship please contact [training@acrrm.org.au](mailto:training@acrrm.org.au)

### **AMA Social Media Guide**

The AMA has released a guide to protecting your professional integrity and reputation when using social media such as Twitter, Facebook and blogs. Studies, legal cases and media reports show that using online media can pose long-term risks for medical professionals. Inappropriate online behaviour can potentially damage personal integrity, doctor-patient and doctor-colleague relationships, and future employment prospects. The guide [Social Media and the Medical Profession](#) can be read or downloaded from the AMA website.

### **RANZCOG Curriculum Review**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) curriculum is under review. Information about the three non-specialist qualifications available for completion will be accessible on the RANZCOG website (<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/>) in the next few months.

RANZCOG non-specialist qualifications include: Certificate in Women's Health, Diploma and DRANZCOG Advanced. These options will allow for a broader choice of qualifications for Rural Generalists.

### **Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Applications NOW OPEN**

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 open 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 also be signed up with GPET.

### **Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series 2011**

The dates and locations for the 2011 Rural Generalist Trainee Workshop series have now been confirmed and Rural Generalist Training Hospitals are currently allocating PGY1 and 2 trainees to attend 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](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au)

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

The Cunningham Centre's Medical Education and Training Team in collaboration with the Rural Generalist Pathway are pleased to announce the delivery of a three day workshop focusing on the preparation and development of both personal and professional skills imperative to living and working in a rural or remote environment as a medical practitioner. The workshop will include topics on:

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

The workshop targets Rural Generalist Trainees and those Registrars tracking to a career in general practice currently undertaking Advanced Skills Training. The workshop will be held at Peppers Blue on Blue Resort, Magnetic Island (Townsville) from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 May 2011.

Cost: nil

**Registrations Close: 28 March 2011**

### **2011 Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ) Conference**

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/>

### **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 on 07 4616 6947 or email [CMET@health.qld.gov.au](mailto: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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e: [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au)

## **Rural Generalist Pathway Website**

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

## **Subscribe to the Rural Generalist Pathway E-update**

If you have been forwarded a copy of the RGP E-update and would like to be added to the distribution list and receive future editions please send an email to [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au) with the subject title 'I wish to subscribe to the RGP E-update'.

Kind regards

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