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MESSAGE FROM THE PETER BRENNAN CHAIR OF GENERAL PRACTICE

It is hard to believe it is now over three years since our Department commenced at the University of Western Sydney. Over that time we have grown from a threesome to a busy team of 16 and are still growing!

Our GP supervisor and conjoint lists are expanding and our research has taken off in many directions, though framed always by values including collaboration and capacity building.

We continue to receive sensational feedback about our GP Supervisors from both Year 3 and Year 5 students this year! Guess who is ... **'Best GP ever. Dr X knows everything, and has amazing rapport with patients. Dr X actually goes out of their way to involve the medical student.'**

In this issue of our regular newsletter, you will meet our new team members and hear about the research in which they are engaged.

Melinda is fine tuning our processes and has simplified our PiP payment systems to reduce the administrative load on GP Supervisors and Practice staff—read more on page 3.

Also on page 3 read about our new Mentoring Program soon to be launched. This program, led by Dr Nick Collins, and developed in collaboration with our GP Student Network, will provide a valuable opportunity to link students interested in General Practice, with the exceptional GPs working with us at UWS.

You will enjoy meeting Dr Ken McCroary, one of the many GP Supervisors who provide our students with experiential learning that for many, changes their career aspirations and for all, provides a new appreciation of the complex, challenging and immensely rewarding role of the General Practitioner.

Dr Lawrence Tan describes the first Year 5 Conference Week of 2013. This landmark General Practice teaching and learning event has received commendations from students and from other disciplines at the School of Medicine. We provide a range of hands on learning activities such as

wound management, ophthalmology, joint examination and prescribing. Thanks as always to the enthusiastic team of GP Supervisors who contribute to this activity.

We are fortunate also to work with a group of very enthusiastic UWS students who convene a wide variety of student activities designed to introduce the range of General Practice career opportunities. Read about their activities in 2013 on p5.

Please also consider the opportunities advertised in this newsletter, to play an active role in research which will expand your skill set. The National Prescribing Service and our own Mental Health team at UWS are keen to engage GP supervisors in their very worthwhile research.

In June I will be meeting with GPs at Glasgow University who have established a group of GPs working in disadvantaged areas of Scotland. This Group is called "GPs at the Deep End". I often reflect on the privilege and challenge of working in the similarly disadvantaged communities of Greater Western Sydney and look forward to sharing insights from Scotland on my return.

Thanks as always for your valued support!

Jenny Reath

DEPARTMENT NEWS

WELCOME

We continue to be a growing team! Though we were sad to farewell Georgia Millen, who moved to Melbourne to study Law, we are excited to welcome six newcomers to the Department.

Trent Reardon is leading our NHMRC funded Randomized Control Trial. Trent comes from a research based exercise science background. His PhD focussed on mechanisms of skeletal muscle fatigue and the role reactive oxygen species play in muscle function in health and disease. Trent has lectured in physiology and biochemistry and tutored with the Graduate Medical Program at The University of Sydney.

Most recently Trent was a Research Fellow at The University of Melbourne specialising in blood vessel pharmacology in health, cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes. He also coordinated a public lecture series with a range of professional organisations.

Nicole King joined us this month and is supporting the four year NHMRC trial as a Research Assistant. Nicole has extensive experience in our Medical

School Departments having held Research focused roles and will be a wonderful asset to both the department and the project.

Ruth Morgan leads our Cultural Education and Mentoring project. Ruth holds masters and doctoral degrees in Social Ecology from UWS. Her career focus is in the area of individual and organisational development through education and mentoring.

Chris Martin commenced on 20th May in the Departmental Research Assistant role. In particular he is supporting Ruth Morgan with the Cultural Education and Mentoring project. Chris joins us with a wealth of experience in the Vocational Training and Education sector.

Tim Senior is a General Practitioner at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and also works with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. He has worked clinically in the Northern Territory and Torres Strait and as a Medical Educator with WentWest.

Tim writes for the British Journal of General Practice and Croakey, the Crikey

Health blog. He is passionate about primary care, reducing health inequalities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. To relax he grows vegetables and plays music. You can follow him on twitter @timsenior.

Tim works on Mondays with the Indigenous Program at the SoM and on Fridays with our department.

Brogan Renshaw is our most recent Research Officer recruit. Brogan holds a Masters in Policy and Applied Social Research from Macquarie University. Brogan will be leading an evaluation of the Partnership between Western Sydney Medicare Local and Western Sydney Local Health District over the next 15 months.

Welcomed in the December newsletter, **Kelly Watt**, our new GP registrar is powering away on her research 'Cross cultural training of GP registrars – Who is responsible? Assessing the perceptions and training needs of GP Supervisors in Western Sydney.' Kelly is also proving to be a skilled and enthusiastic teacher and is greatly appreciated by our students.

SENIOR LECTURER ACTIVITIES

QSA Assessor Recognised

Dr Nick Collins, a Senior Lecturer in the Department and Director of Ambulatory Care at Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals, has been an active advocate for improvements in safety and quality in healthcare. He has been a member of the team of site assessors who oversee the Quality Systems Assessment Program for the Clinical Excellence Commission since the Program began over 5 years ago. In February, as a mark of his contribution to the QSA Program, he received an award from the CEC's Chief Executive Professor Cliff Hughes at a meeting in Sydney.

The QSA Program seeks to target certain high risk areas in healthcare across New South Wales as revealed by local, national and international experience. Further information can be found at: <http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/programs/qa>



Prof Cliff Hughes (L) and Dr Nick Collins

Disaster Management

Dr Penny Burns has brought a new area of interest to our Department with her work in disaster management. Penny is the Deputy Chair of the newly established RACGP Disaster Management Special Interest Group. The first two students to join this group were from UWS!

So far the group has input into several RACGP guidelines and will assist in defining the role of GPs in disasters. As

coordinators of mental and physical health care of individuals and families, GPs are important contributors to community resilience and recovery during disasters.

Recently Penny was involved in a collaboration between Australian and New Zealand on emergency planning. Both hospital and primary care experiences from the Christchurch Earthquake and Australian disasters were used for workshops on how New Zealand can enhance disaster planning across the Ministry of Health, the district health boards, health professional groups and ambulance services.

Members from both the World Association of Disaster Emergency Medicine (WADEM) and the Oceanic Chapter were present at the meeting.

GP SUPERVISOR NEWS

MiC PiP process change for 2013

In an effort to reduce the administrative load on our Supervising GPs and their staff, you will be pleased to hear that Year 3 students are now responsible for completing the Medicare PiP Teaching Incentive form online, then printing out for the Practice to authorise. The students will return the PiPs to us and we will complete and submit to Medicare for payment on your behalf. Copies will be faxed to your practice for your records. For those practices who send to a head office for authorisation, we will take care of that too! If you have any queries please contact **Melinda Wolfenden** on 02 4620 3896 or email melinda.wolfenden@uws.edu.au

2013 Medicare Payment Schedule

Last Day of PiP submission to Medicare	Quarterly Payment Month
31 July	August
31 October	November

Save the Date!
Tuesday 10th September, 2013
GP Supervisor Evening Workshop & Dinner
UWS Medical School
Campbelltown

Don't miss our annual event!
Details coming soon

Please be advised that **all students** return their completed PiP forms to the University. These are then signed and sent directly to Medicare by the UWS GP Dept. A copy of the form will be faxed to you for

Are you interested in becoming a GP Supervisor?

If you would like to become a GP Supervisor or are interested in receiving information, please contact Dr Nick Collins n.collins@uws.edu.au or Melinda Wolfenden melinda.wolfenden@uws.edu.au. We will notify the University of Sydney of any expressions of interest within the West of Sydney, as we share recruitment and placement processes in the Western Sydney region.

UWS Year 3 MiC
students 2 sessions (1 day)
per week for 5 Weeks

UWS Year 5 GP
students 6 sessions (3 days)
per week for 5 weeks

2013 Student Placement Dates

Year 3 MiC Students: Urban	Year 5 GP Students: Urban
MiC4: 27 May—28 June	UR4: 1 July—2 August
MiC5: 22 July—23 August	UR5: 5 August—6 September
MiC6: 26 August—27 September	UR6: 23 September—25 October
MiC7: 30 September—1 November	UR7: 28 October—29 November

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

We will soon be calling for GP Mentors and students who are interested in being mentored. Working with our GP Student Network, the Department has developed a GP Mentor program which will start with an online match making process, followed by a “mixing” evening activity where students and potential GP Mentors can meet. The Department will coordinate the match making process, however the student – GP mentoring process is flexible and can be arranged to meet the needs of the student and the availability of the GP Supervisor.

If you are interested in being part of this program please contact Nick Collins on T: 4620 3896 M: 0424 008 487 or email to n.collins@uws.edu.au

FIVE MINUTES WITH DR McCROARY

Dr Ken McCroary is a GP Partner at the Macarthur General Practice in Campbelltown. He qualified from the University of New South Wales and worked at Prince of Wales and Westmead Hospitals, before becoming a junior doctor at Camden and Campbelltown hospitals. He has worked in the area ever since.

How did you become a GP?

I have no recollection of wanting to be anything else. I came through school, university, internship and then got into GP training and fortunately passed my exams. From a very early age I have never wanted to be anything else but a GP. I have asked myself where this came from – there were no major role models.

It's the only thing I can ever remember wanting to do. I really enjoyed working in emergency in Camden and Campbelltown hospitals. I found the work and people fascinating and I wanted to settle here.

I did all of my GP training in a practice in Elderslie, and now work in Campbelltown. That Elderslie

practice is still a major training practice.

What do you enjoy about teaching medical students?

The biggest thing for me is seeing students work things out, put things together drawing on basic sciences. I love seeing someone who may not know the answer, drawing on their knowledge to work it out. I enjoy the whole detective issue myself, the problem solving, and teaching students how to find an answer from the basic science knowledge – the anatomy and physiology. Ultimately it's not what they can remember, it's what they can work out.

How do you relax?

My practice partner and I, along with other doctors and staff in the practice support each other to take regular breaks. We all work hard and realise we need to look after ourselves and each other. I make sure I spend time with my wife and 2 daughters. We enjoy travel and dining. My daughters love Europe and America, and we recently arrived back from Beijing. That trip was

amazing, just for the cultural difference – 20 million people in one place. Sometimes the smog was incredible. It does reinforce the notion that we couldn't live anywhere else though. It makes you think about exploitation, for example with the recent factory collapse in Bangladesh.

What advice would you offer your students? And what advice would you offer to other GP teachers?

The best advice I have for my students is "Always listen to your patients." All the time, I'm repeating this. "Listen to your patients. If they are telling you about their child, listen to them. If you're not sure what's going on, go back and listen." And my advice for other GPs is make sure you find work life balance – General Practice is a fabulous career and you learn something new every day. But you must make sure you don't neglect your family and you get the balance right.

Teaching is a rewarding thing to get in to. We are only here because of our teachers.

MEDICINEINSIGHT: YOUR PATIENT, YOUR CARE, YOUR IMPACT

The University of Western Sydney is pleased to support a new **NPS MedicineWise** initiative aimed at improving prescribing in general practice.

MedicineInsight will establish a longitudinal database of over 2 million patients across Australia, providing a more comprehensive picture of how new and established medicines are used by GPs and their patients and their effects on health.

NPS is currently seeking general practices for the pilot phase of MedicineInsight. If your practice uses Medical Director v3.14, Best Practice v1.8 or ZedMed v16, NPS would like to hear from you.

MedicineInsight will seamlessly collect anonymised patient data from general practices' clinical systems along with general practice information.

The installation and operation of the data extraction tool will occur remotely and will not interfere with day-to-day use of your clinical software system.

Patient identifying information will be removed before the data leave the practice. NPS has received ethics approval from the RACGP and will comply with Federal Privacy Laws.

Why be involved?

- For peace of mind that you're doing the best for your patients' health.
- Individualised, privacy-protected prescribing reports.

- Compare your patient care with other practices.
- Category 1 CPD points, without leaving your practice.
- Help to build a national medicines database to influence health policy and practice.
- Practice payments of \$1000 on start up and then \$1000 per annum.

To participate and for more information

Please contact MedicineInsight on 1300 721 726 or email



STUDENT NEWS



My Chicken Rules

What can you make with cherry tomatoes, chicken maryland and chocolate?

These ingredients were on the Department of General Practice's shopping list in preparation for the Year 5 conference week in February this year. Medical student teaching at UWS is strong on immersive, experiential learning during their placements in the clinical years.

However all the students get together several times a year to attend conference weeks.

These are important opportunities for students to receive shared, standardised and assessable teaching in a concentrated format before they head off to various hospitals, indigenous health placements and general practices.

General practice topics this year included presentations on chronic and complex care, prescribing workshops, developments in primary care, aged care and polypharmacy, a GP panel, mental health, drug and alcohol, child and adolescent health, and dental care.

Presentations were short and interactive, with an emphasis on hands-on skills. Students learned about patches, pastes and ointments, how to do an eye exam, suturing and biopsies, and had the chance to speak to patients

about their skin disease and chronic illness.

Overall, students appreciated the time and effort put into the teaching, despite some technological glitches affecting the video feed to the students in Lismore.

A big thank you to all the presenters and facilitators, pharmacists, patients and administrative staff who made it all possible.

By the way, the tomatoes were used to practice corneal foreign body extraction, the chicken for suturing practice, and the chocolate was a prize for the best student group presentation on a common general practice problem.

After removal of the sutures, the chicken was donated to dogs at an animal shelter, who we presume enjoyed it as much as the students, even though they didn't return their evaluation forms!

GP STUDENT RESEARCH

Two recent surveys by medical students at the University of Western Sydney have confirmed a willingness amongst GPs to engage teach medical students.

GPs told us that they teach because they enjoy it, see it as part of their professional duty, believe it helps them keep up to date and want to influence the next generation of doctors.

The vast majority of GPs found it a positive experience and were more likely to hold these views if they had taken learners within the last two years.

Our students complete a community focused research project as part of their fourth year programme.

Two groups elected to examine the enablers and barriers faced by General Practitioners in teaching and supervising.

Interestingly, the most common reason that GPs gave for not supervising learners in the last 2 years was the lack of opportunity (in approximately 60% of GPs who had not had students in that period). Only around 10% of GPs said they do not intend to become involved at all.

The students involved would like to thank all the GPs and Practice Managers who gave up their time to answer their enquiries.

Are you interested in supervising medical students or would you like more information?

Contact: Dr Nick Collins via email at n.collins@uws.edu.au or telephone Melinda Wolfenden on **4620 3896**.

STUDENT NEWS

The General Practice Student Network

GPSN at UWS has exciting events in store for 2013!

We kicked off this year with sign up drives including the extremely popular O-week Slushy stand (becoming a GPSN tradition) and the MedCamp Tradeshaw stall.

As a part of a national promotion, we gave away an Xbox 360 as a raffle prize for a lucky first year! From these events we signed up 100s of students!

With fresh ideas and initiatives coming as a result of the Breathing New Life conference in Canberra, our UWS GPSN exec team has expanded from two at the beginning of the year to nine.

This is the largest the GPSN UWS team

has ever been and it's an energising time of enthusiasm and momentum!

Coming up this semester is our first ever community focused event! In spirit of the Starlight Foundation's volunteer day this month, we are providing a free BBQ and an opportunity for students to volunteer at one of the Express rooms for a day. We are also hoping to run our Firstwave Scholarship Info session before the semester ends.

The second half of the year is sure to see many of the ideas from the flurry of brainstorming earlier this year come to fruition. We will continue our Case Presentations and Wellbeing Day and will hold two inaugural events; a Career's night and a Clinical Workshop!

We'll also be closing this year by holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM),

which is another first time event!

With GPSN numbers growing we are increasingly feeling the need for an online platform, in the form of a website to showcase the breadth of our student and community vision. Discussions about development are ongoing and we hope to establish this in the second half of the year.

The juices are flowing, fuelling new approaches and plans, in turn setting up an ambitious agenda for 2013! A few ideas may be tucked away for next year, but we aim to realise many of them; our calendar is sure to be an exciting one!



RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PARTNERSHIPS IN RESEARCH

Our Research Officer, Ron Brooker, is working with Judy Panter from **Penrith PRA (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia)**, a non Government social enterprise which provides support and psychosocial rehabilitation to adults with a mental illness. They are using a MHCC (Mental Health Coordinating Council) Seeding Grant to develop a Research Proposal to investigate methods of empowering mental health consumers to manage their own physical health. Together with a

community-based team of pharmacists, psychologists, carers and representatives of the Nepean Blue Mountain Medicare Local they are refining information and monitoring resources for trialling in a local district centre. A particular focus is the role that GPs have in encouraging consumers' adoption of a Physical Health Record (a Green Card).

Ron Brooker is also working with Jenny Reath and Penny Burns on a project that will investigate the access to mental health services within a **housing**

renewal sector of the South West Sydney community.

Meanwhile Penny Abbott, Jenny Reath, Suresh Badami, and Ron Brooker are continuing to research the experiences of medical students completing a placement in **Justice Health**. Ron will be presenting the interim results of this project at the Australian Primary Health Care Research Conference in July.

OUR FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Trent Reardon is coordinating the **NHMRC funded RCT of antibiotic treatment versus "watchful waiting" in the management of acute otitis media in urban Aboriginal children**. This ambitious project aims to recruit around 500 children from 6 sites across Australia with the support of the local Aboriginal medical services and families. The project is moving swiftly ahead with a protocol in the final stages of development and ethics submissions being completed. We are working with an experienced team of Otitis Media researchers who are all excited about the opportunities this study will provide to inform guidelines for clinical practice in urban Aboriginal communities. We are on target to recruit the first child in January next year.

Ruth Morgan is leading a General Practice Education and Training (GPET) funded project that will improve the understanding of **cultural education and cultural mentoring** within the context of vocational and prevocational training in General Practice. We will be consulting widely to identify an accepted set of principles to inform a National Framework for training in this area. Currently we are undertaking a pilot study that will provide valuable information regarding the interview and survey tools before the main body of data collection commences in June 2013.

TAKING A LEAP FORWARD IN TREATING ANOREXIA NERVOSA

Professor Phillipa Hay from the UWS School of Medicine is collaborating with a leading international research team to investigate a new therapy to treat anorexia nervosa. Anorexia nervosa is a leading cause of early death among women. While psychological treatment has some success, the rate of relapse is high. The study by Professor Hay and colleagues will introduce a novel treatment, which will help to lower the community and personal burden of this illness and assist sufferers to live more healthy and productive lives. The therapy being trialled modifies traditional cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) to include some additional interventions aimed at addressing the role of excessive and compulsive exercise in people with eating disorders. Professor Hay

commented that: *"...this study is a world-first in evaluating the efficacy of an exercise enhanced psychotherapy in treating anorexia nervosa - the main objective of this project is not to make patients stop exercising, but to educate them about what constitutes healthy exercise and give knowledge and skills that will allow them to regain control of their exercise behaviour. With positive results from a recent pilot study, we are optimistic this study will confirm the effectiveness of this treatment."*

Patients participating in this trial will be placed into one of two treatment groups. Both groups will receive CBT for a period of 10 months, with the aim to help patients to address unhelpful beliefs and behaviours that are maintaining their eating disorder. However while the first group will receive traditional CBT, the second group will receive the newly modified

version of CBT that also includes interventions targeted specifically at addressing problematic exercise beliefs and behaviours.

The hope is that the findings from this trial will enable the development and improvement of treatment approaches to eating disorders.

Taking Referrals Now!

The research team is continuing to accept referrals to the trial. Patients will receive up to 34 free therapy sessions with a trained psychologist at one of three convenient therapy locations in Sydney: Campbelltown, Westmead, or City.

Please contact the recruitment team on 02 4620 3566, 02 4620 3726, or treatmenttrials@uws.edu.au to make a referral or for more information.

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Global Health Feature

Are you interested in global health from a primary care perspective? Check out this recent publication in *Medical Observer* for some inspiring armchair travel tales from some of your favourite academics in the UWS Department of General Practice. <http://www.medicalobserver.com.au/news/working-in-developing-countries>

Croakey, the Crikey Health Blog — <http://blogs.crikey.com.au/croakey/>

Tim Senior writes occasionally for this website.

CTRL+Click on the links below for some of his recent articles :

[Do we need a Romantic movement in medicine? Involving patients in medical education.](#)

[As we move towards constitutional recognition, what can we learn from Indigenous understandings of health \(heaps, suggests one GP\)](#)

[Social media and the transformation of medical education](#)

[Why didn't we hear more stories like this during the PM's visit to western Sydney?](#)

[The difference between Close the Gap and Closing the Gap – and why it matters](#)

Please contact Melinda on 4620 3896 or via email at melinda.wolfenden@uws.edu.au if you have any publications or conference presentations you would like published in our next newsletter .

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Dr Penny Burns will be giving an oral presentation of a second tunnel evacuation scenario at the *Tunnel Safety and Fire Protection Conference* in Brisbane in June.

Dr Penny Burns and Dr Mel Taylor (from the Disaster Response and Resilience Research Group) gave an oral presentation on *Animals in Disaster* at the *Australian and New Zealand Emergency Disaster Management* conference in Brisbane in May. This is part of a student summer research project with student Erin Lynch, zoology, researching animals role in both increasing risk of pet owners during evacuation, and improving their recovery after disasters.

Prof Jenny Reath and **Dr Penny Abbott** have co-authored two presentations for the 7th Extraordinary International Symposium on Recent Advances of Otitis Media to be held in Stockholm this month. Jenny will present “*Improving Diagnosis of Otitis Media in the Australian Primary Health Care Setting—acceptability and impact of tympanometry and pneumatic otoscopy*”. Whilst a colleague from the University of Sydney, **Dr Hesantha Gunesekera** will present “*Protocol for RCT of watchful waiting Vs antibiotics for AOM in low risk Aboriginal children*”.

THANK YOU TO OUR GP CONJOINTS

Dr James Aitken	Dr Anne Gilroy	Dr Linda McQueen
Dr Rick Aitken	Dr Upkar Goyal	Dr Arif Mirza
Dr Sushil Anand	Dr Matthew Gray	Dr Suresh Nair
Dr Soheyl Aran	Dr Stephen Hampton	Dr David Ng
Dr Kam Cheung Glen Au-Yeung	Dr Emad Hanna	Prof Diana O'Halloran
Dr Suresh Badami	Dr Angela Hsiao	Dr David Pan
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Dr Deepa Garg	Dr Parker Magin	Dr Kam Cheung Wong
Dr Magdy Girgis	Dr Kenneth McCroary	Dr Steven Wong
	Dr Louise McDonnell	Dr Simon Young

The Department of General Practice would like to welcome our colleagues and congratulate them on their recent appointment.

Dr Chee Koh and **Dr Mohna Sharma** have been appointed **Lecturers in General Practice Placement Support** in a joint project between the Universities of Sydney and Western Sydney. They are working this year to provide support and academic liaison to practices in western Sydney and the Nepean Blue Mountains area that take medical students on placement from our universities. They are also working to recruit new practices to our placement program. Please feel free to contact Chee chee.koh@sydney.edu.au or Mohna mohna.sharma@sydney.edu.au by email or telephone 02 98458163 if you wish to discuss any matter relating to medical student placements in western Sydney or the Nepean Blue Mountains.

We would also like to welcome our new conjoints, **Dr Sarah Gani** and **Dr David Ng**.

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