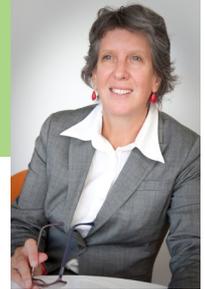


# School of Medicine - General Practice Newsletter

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## From the Peter Brennan Chair—Jenny Reath



**WELCOME AGAIN  
and THANK YOU  
for your support!**

As we move into our second year of Rural General Practice placements we are pleased to be able to welcome new training Practices in Bathurst and Mullumbimby! We are fortunate to have such high quality Practices in both our rural clinical schools who continue to enjoy taking our students.

In Greater Western Sydney student numbers are building as we seek to place students both in Year 3 (one day a week) and Year 5 (three days a week). We are indeed grateful to our urban GP Supervisors who continue to report their positive experiences of teaching our students.

If you enjoy having our students, please tell your colleagues, as our student numbers are growing rapidly and we continue to need high quality teaching practices to add to those already taking our students.

Urban Back to Base sessions are running smoothly with Lawrence at the helm and with Ross Wilson and Jane Barker leading in our rural sites, students can look forward to ex-

tending their GP learning in the university environment.

One of the innovations we are exploring in our urban student teaching is a partnership with Justice Health. JH share two students in each of the urban rotations with a “traditional” General Practice thereby providing a balanced experience including paediatric and aged care as well as the opportunities and challenges presented in the Justice Health setting. We are evaluating this unique learning experience and hope to report later this year on our findings.

Speaking of research, Wendy continues to convene our interdisciplinary educational research collaboration at UWS and we are also building links with our surgical and mental health colleagues at the School of Medicine. We will continue to keep you posted on our research activities including opportunities for GP research. Watch the website for up to date news.

GP supervisors who are interested in undertaking their own research are invited to apply for our GP Fellowship—**see page 2 for details**. Others who have a project up and ready to go but need some assistance with data collection

and analysis please contact Wendy who coordinates our Year 4 Community Medicine Group Research Projects.

Congratulations to our partner organisation WentWest who have become the first Medicare Local in Sydney! We hope in the next round of funding to find other partner organisations joining WentWest in this expanded primary care role.

We are hoping to be able to present a General Practice award at the first (and subsequent!) UWS School of Medicine graduation - please **see below for information**.

We are also planning a gathering of GP Conjoint towards the end of the year to thank you for your input to our teaching program. If you are teaching our students and have not yet registered as a conjoint please send your CV to Suzie so that you can access our extensive on line library resources and will be on our mailing list for the end of the year event!

Jenny Reath

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## Donor for UWS General Practice Prize

Would you like to lend your name to an annual General Practice Prize for the top General Practice student in Year 5?

We would love to be able to present such a prize at our end of year 5 student prize giving and are wondering if there is a GP who is keen to reward a student who achieves outstanding results in their General Practice placement in Year 5.



## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

### GP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2011

The Department of General Practice is pleased to offer a Researcher Development Fellowship for GPs in western and south western Sydney. This opportunity is being offered as part of a program to increase the capacity of GPs in Greater Western Sydney to undertake research in primary care and to supervise GP registrars and medical students in their research activities. The Fellowship holder will receive a research salary for 7 hours a week for 48 weeks and supervision from experienced researchers at the Department of General Practice, UWS.

**Applications for the fellowship open on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and close on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011.** Applicants are required to submit a research plan for a project they wish to undertake during this Fellowship.

Applications will be judged by a research panel convened by Professor Jennifer Reath at the Department of General Practice, UWS. Preference will be given to GPs who have participated in the "2011 Research Training Workshop Series" and who are currently involved in training medical students and/or GP registrars.

The research plans will be judged on the:

- Importance and relevance of the topic to primary care
- Quality and originality of the proposed research project
- Scientific basis and/or rigour of the proposed project
- Feasibility of completing the project within one year
- Commitment to disseminate project outcomes as a research publication

#### Eligibility criteria

1. Practicing GP in western or south western Sydney,
2. Available to attend for supervision and support of their research project at UWS (Campbelltown or Blacktown campus) for a minimum of 4 hours a fortnight

#### Exclusion criteria

This Fellowship is not available to holders of higher degrees by research or GPs who have previously undertaken similar researcher development fellowships

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## Become a GP Supervisor

### 2011 Remaining GP Term Dates

<b>22 August – 23 September</b>	<b>UWS Year 3</b> MiC students  2 sessions per week for 5 weeks
<b>26 September – 28 October</b>	
<b>26 September – 28 October</b>	<b>UWS Year 5</b> GP students  6 sessions per week for 5 weeks
<b>31 October – 2 December</b>	

If you would like to become a GP supervisor or you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Dr Nick Collins on [n.collins@uws.edu.au](mailto:n.collins@uws.edu.au) or Suzie Mazzotta on [s.mazzotta@uws.edu.au](mailto:s.mazzotta@uws.edu.au)

We will notify the University of Sydney of any expressions of interest in the West of Sydney, as we share recruitment and placement processes across both universities in the west.



The Medical Education Unit of the School of Medicine, UWS, will be hosting its second MEdEx conference in September 2011. This is a one-day conference, covering a wide range of aspects of medical education.

We invite you to join us in this free and exciting conference. Anyone involved or interested in the field of medical education can attend seminars and workshops on the day.

#### Date

The MEdEx 2011 conference will be held on **Friday 30 September, 2011.**

#### Location

MEdEx 2011 will be held at the UWS School of Medicine, Campbelltown Campus, in south western Sydney.

For more information visit

[www.uws.edu.au/medicine/som/medical\\_education/medex\\_conference](http://www.uws.edu.au/medicine/som/medical_education/medex_conference)

## General Practitioners for Medical Students

Health problems and stress can affect the ability of students to complete their medical training. We encourage all students to have their own GP and to take a preventive approach to their health. If you or colleagues in your practice would be willing to

see medical students as *patients* in your practice, and be included on a list that will be available to UWS medical students and staff, we would like to hear from you.

For further information or to register your interest in supporting our students' health and welfare, please contact Suzie (contact details back page)

## Can I claim CPD points for teaching medical students?

The RACGP QI&CPD 2011-2013 Triennium began in January this year. For those teaching medical students, this provides an opportunity to gain valuable **Category 1** CPD points. This can be achieved by completing an Active Learning Module (ALM) and submitting it for review to your local QI&CPD unit for adjudication. The minimum time spent on this teaching activity should be 6 hours.

Below is a simple "how to..." guide, ideally to be started before you commence teaching:

Step 1	Log in to the RACGP QI and CPD site at <a href="http://qicpd.racgp.org.au/">http://qicpd.racgp.org.au/</a> (the log in box is in the top left hand corner of the page)
Step 2	under "Program for GPs", click onto "Forms"
Step 3	Click onto: <i>GP ALM Teaching Medical Students</i>
Step 4	Save or print out the 8-page form
Step 5	Complete the "Before teaching" section of the form and identify 3-5 learning objectives that <u>you</u> wish to address in the course of being a GP teacher. Refer to the "Guiding Information" at the end of the form if necessary.
Step 6	Enjoy teaching!!
Step 7	Complete the "Teaching Process" and then reflect on your experience by completing the "After Teaching" sections.
Step 8	Check and sign the form before sending to the State QI&CPD Unit – in NSW this is PO Box 534 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060 Fax: (02) 9886 4791 OR Email (preferred): <a href="mailto:nswact.qicpd@racgp.org.au">nswact.qicpd@racgp.org.au</a>  If emailing simply type in your name instead of signing - if the ALM comes from your email address it will be accepted as "signed".
Step 9	Remember <b><u>you can only claim the 40 Category 1 points once in this triennium....!</u></b>

## OUR NEWS

### WELCOME TO NEW TEAM MEMBERS

#### The Department of General Practice welcomes Dr Darshana Dave and Dr Hassan Hosseinzadeh!

Darshana has joined us as an academic registrar from GP Synergy and hopes to increase her research and teaching skills during her year long part time placement with us.

She will be working with the team on a research study looking into the consultation and communication skills which may impact on cultural safety in GP registrar consultations with Aboriginal patients. This will involve interviewing Aboriginal cultural

mentors about what they see as important for GPs to know in order to work most effectively with Aboriginal patients.

We all welcome Hassan Hosseinzadeh as a research officer on our evaluation of NSW Sexually Transmissible Infections Programs Unit's GP Project. This aims to improve sexually transmissible infection testing by GPs and Practice Nurses.

He brings a welcome cheerful face to the department as well as many stories about his newborn baby son!

### Bathurst GP Supervisors' Workshop

A wintry evening but a warm welcome, stimulating conversation and gourmet delights as Professor Jenny Reath and Dr Lawrence Tan visited the Bathurst Rural Clinical School in June. We met up with a group of experienced GPs from Lithgow, Bathurst and Orange, and were also joined by representatives from the Aboriginal Medical Service in Orange.

Dr Ross Wilson led a discussion about vertical integration, making it seem practical, achievable and an essential strategy for the future as we seek to learn and teach in General Practice along the continuum of stages from undergraduate student, PGPPP, GP registrar and CME for established GPs. Jenny Reath then summarised the General Practice teaching programme in the UWS School of Medicine. It was great to wel-

come some new practices who will be receiving UWS medical students for their GP placements later this year.

Bathurst has been a popular and enjoyable rural destination for UWS medical students, who do seem to have found some time to learn clinical skills when they are not uploading rap music about their time in Bathurst on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMejTUSbcG0> !

Many thanks to Beyond Medical Education and the Central West Division of General Practice, as well as the Bathurst Rural Clinical School staff for hosting and organising the workshop.



#### Wollondilly's Strategic Health Forum

Recently Associate Professor Wendy Hu was invited to speak on behalf of the Department of General Practice at the Wollondilly Strategic Health

Forum. This event was organised by the Wollondilly Shire Council to hear about critical health issues in the Shire and the health and medical services required to meet these needs.

Invited attendees included over 70 representatives of health and community services in the area, and speakers included Rene Pennock, CEO of Macarthur Division of General Practice, and local GPs Dr Anna Pham and Bob Challender.

Wendy spoke on the service and training role of medical schools in areas of need, and thanked the audience for welcoming medical students to their community, which we hope will lead to students ultimately choosing to work in Greater Western Sydney.

#### Beyond Medical Education 2011 Scholarship Winner – Dina Ibrahim

The inaugural Beyond Medical Education Rural General Practice Fellowship has been awarded to Dina Ibrahim. Dina, a Year 4 student plans to spend part of her Christmas– New Year break in General Practices in Bathurst and in Western Sydney and will compare these with her experience during a brief stint at Bathurst Hospital A&E Department.



Congratulations Dina and thanks to BME for providing this stimulus for students to learn more about General Practice

## Publications

Validity of the Actical Accelerometer Step-Count Function in Children

Rosenkranz RR, **Rosenkranz SK**, Weber C. (in press)  
*Pediatric Exercise Science*

Modifiable lifestyle factors impact airway health in non-asthmatic prepubescent boys but not girls

**Rosenkranz S**, Swain K, Beckman B, Harms CA.  
*Pediatr Pulmonol.* 2011 May; 46(5): 464-472. Epub 2010 Dec 30.  
PubMed PMID: 21194140.

Management of dental emergencies by medical practitioners: recommendations for Australian education and training

Skapetis A, Gerzina T, **Hu W**.  
*Emergency Medicine Australasia*, 2011;23(2):142-52

Differences in students' discourses of professionalism: acting, representing, becoming

Monrouxe L, Rees C, **Hu W**.  
*Medical Education* 2011;45:585-602.

GP Training in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Martin M and **Reath J**.

*MJA*, 2011; 194 (11):S67-70.

Smoking cessation in Indigenous populations: elements of effective interventions

Digiacoio M, Davidson P, **Abbott P**, Davison J, Moore L, Thompson S.  
*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 2011;8:388-410.

Effective nutrition education for Aboriginal Australians – lessons from a diabetes cooking course

**Abbott P**, Davison J, Moore L, Rubinstein R.  
*Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 2011 Jul 20  
[Epub ahead of print]

## Conference Presentations

Reath J, Martin M. GP Training in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Presentation at RANZCOG 2011 Indigenous Women's Health Meeting held at the Cairns Convention Centre on 3-5 June 2011.

Hu W. Student Support at a New Medical School: Activity Theory as a Framework for Analysis and From Awareness to Accountability: Designing a Student Selected Activity for Authentic Social Engagement. Presentations at ANZAHPE 2011 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on 27 June—1 July 2011.

Rosenkranz S. High-intensity interval training improves airway health in inactive non-asthmatic children. Poster presentation at ACSM's 58th Annual Meeting and World Congress on Exercise is Medicine on 31 May—4 June 2011, Denver, Colorado.

Abbott P, Rosenkranz SK, Reath J. Promoting diagnostic accuracy in the GP management of otitis media in children. Poster presented at: The Primary Health Care Research Conference; 2011 July 13-15; Brisbane, Australia.

Reath J, Abbott P, Hu W, Rosenkranz SK. Beyond PHCRED: alternatives for building research capacity. Poster presented at: The Primary Health Care Research Conference; 2011 July 13-15; Brisbane, Australia.

Hu W, Reath J, Abbott P, Rosenkranz SK, Mazzotta S, Tan L, Thornton C, Collins, N. Many heads are better than one: multimodal evaluation of a medical student primary care conference. Poster presented at: The Primary Health Care Research Conference; 2011 July 13-15; Brisbane, Australia.

Aakanasha Zala a third year medical student has had a poster describing aspects of the work at HealthOne Mt Druitt accepted for presentation at the NIFTeY Conference. Aakanasha will present with Jo Fernyhough and Dr Michael Fasher.

Our grateful thanks go to Michael who is supporting Aakanasha to attend this conference!

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