



Department of General Practice Newsletter – Summer 2016



Welcome

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to this summer 2016 update from the Department of General Practice at Western Sydney University. Feel free to browse and for those accessing this online to click on items of interest!

As always our end of the year newsletter is a bumper edition. In particular we are farewelling Drs Ron Brooker and Penny Burns both valued members of our Department who will be difficult to replace! We bring you news of several awards won within our Department and by Dr Hien Tran, one of our GP Supervisors. Also please join us in congratulating and thanking GP Supervisors who have taken more than 15 students in their practices over the past 5 years.

You will find some useful information concerning Western Sydney University Library resources under Supervisor News as well as a link to a 3 minute survey concerning your training preferences and information about changes to our Year 3 placements.

Our teaching program continues to be well evaluated with teaching sessions from Years 1-5 of the program, moving more towards the flipped classroom approach Lawrence describes in this newsletter.

Some of you may have supervised our GP award winning students! We are especially pleased to have celebrated the first Nick Collins Award with Aimee Tran joining us at GP16 in Perth. We hope to provide this award annually and need your support to do so. Please consider giving a tax deductible donation online at https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/give/home/memorial_giving/dr_nick_collins_memorial_fund

Our research program is growing in leaps and bounds. You will find updates concerning recent conference presentations and an updated list of our publications. Do tell us about any publications you may have had so we can spread the word!

Congratulations to all those who have completed conjoint applications – we are pleased to have you as active members of the Western Sydney teaching and researching community. If your name is not on the list please follow up with Vicki Bradley who is overseeing our conjoint appointments.

Thank you as always for your commitment to our students and our teaching program. We wish you all the best for this festive season and hope you are able to enjoy some well deserved relaxation and rest.

Looking forward to working with you again in the new year!

Warm Regards

Jenny Reath on behalf of the Department of General Practice

Professor Jenny Reath | Peter Brennan Chair of General Practice

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Some of the Team at our end of year Departmental Retreat in November

Update from the Department of General Practice

Welcomes and Farewells

Dr Ron Brooker is retiring from the Department after being our Research Officer for 4¹/₂ years. In that time Ron has ably assisted other members of the Department as well as GP registrars and students in their research endeavours a number of projects. He has become a dab hand with ethics applications and has coordinated our regular team research meetings. In addition Ron has largely been responsible for managing our Website and converting this newsletter to a web-based platform. Above all Ron has been a delight to work with – always courteous, obliging and willing to step into the breach! We wish Ron all the very best in his retirement, which will be preceded by a short relief role with the School's Medical Education Unit. Ron has written a lovely tribute to his work mates in the Department which you will find at [Ron's Valedictory](#).

Dr Steve Trankle has been successful in his application for the Research Officer position, now an Associate Research Fellow within the Department of General Practice. Steve has been working with us on a range of research and is well respected within the School of Medicine as well as by our external stakeholders.

Dr Penny Burns, a Senior Lecturer in the Department, is also leaving us after taking 6 months leave to advance her PhD. Penny has been a valued lead in our Year 3 Medicine in Context program and has contributed with great expertise and enthusiasm to both student and supervisor teaching, particularly in her area of international re-known – responses to disasters. Penny is leaving to focus more on this area of work where she has much to contribute. We wish her every success and will be proud of all her achievements. We have greatly valued the input from Drs Fiona Macintosh and Steve Helme who have kept our teaching program on the rails in Penny's absence.

Awards

Congratulations to Professor Jenny Reath who won the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association Associate Member of the Year award for 2016 for her work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. She was nominated for this award by two Western Sydney alumni – Dr Dana Slape and Dr Artiene Tatian who were at the AIDA conference in Cairns with a number of other WSU students.



2016 AIDA Award recipients: Indigenous Student of the Year - Mr Ian Lee; Associate Member of the Year - Professor Jennifer Reath; and Indigenous Doctor of the Year - Associate Professor Dr Bradley Murphy.

Dr Hien Tran of Lidcombe Medical and Health Centre received the 2016 Westmead Excellence in Teaching Award. This Award is made on nomination by the medical students and is supported by the Westmead Association. Dr Tran was unable to attend the award ceremony in person as he was in Cambodia as GP team leader and logistics manager for over 80 volunteers delivering free cataract surgeries, medical health checks and dental treatments to poor recipients from rural areas, on behalf of Australian Health Humanitarian Aid (Rotary International). See the AHHA website for more information and some moving videos – and please consider making a donation to support the volunteer work of our colleague: <http://www.ahha.org.au/>

Dr Miriam Brooks was awarded the prestigious RACGP Family Medical Care Education and Research (FMCER) Grant for 2016. Dr Brooks, a senior lecturer and researcher with the SoM Department of General Practice will use this award to conduct an Evaluation of the Young Women's Clinic at Blue Mountains Women's Health and Resource Centre. The Young Women's Clinic offers appointments with a GP, nurse practitioner, counsellor and a drop-in Art Space. This service has been running for 11 years but has never been formally evaluated. The evaluation will assess what is working well, where improvements need to be made, and will share ideas about the principles of youth friendly, trauma-informed, arts-based healthcare that can be utilised in other contexts. <http://www.bmwsrc.org/young-women/>

GP Supervisor/Practice Manager News

MiC & Yr 5 PIP Process

Medicare Payment Schedule 2017	
Cut-off dates for submitting claim forms	Quarterly Payment Month
31 January	February
30 April	May
2017 Metro Placement Dates (Semester 1)	
Year 3 MiC Students: Metro	Year 5 GP Students: Metro
MiC 1: 23 rd January – 24 th February	Metro 1: 6 th February – 10 th March
MiC 2: 27 th February – 27 th March	Metro 2: 13 th March – 13 th April
MiC 3: 18 th April – 19 th May	Metro 3: 18 th April – 19 th May

To reduce administrative load for GPs and their staff, all Western Sydney students will complete the Medicare PIP Teaching Incentive form online, then print out for the Practice to authorise. The students must return the PIP to us and we complete and submit to Medicare for payment. Copies will be faxed to the practice. For practices requiring head office authorisation, we take care of that! For any questions please contact Vicki Bradley on 02 4620 3896 or v.bradley@westernsydney.edu.au

GP Supervisors Award Recipients

The following GP Supervisors have supervised more than 15 Western Sydney students over the past 5 years – some were present at our Research Informing Clinical Practice Expo to receive their award!

Dr Karen Chen <i>Queens Road Medical Centre</i>	Dr Nigel Hawkins <i>Ingleburn Medical Centre</i>	Dr John Stanford <i>Wattle Grove Family Medical Practice</i>
Dr Michael Fasher <i>The Practice</i>	Dr Channappa Jayadev <i>Dr Jayadev's Surgery</i>	Dr Derek Tang <i>General Practice for Children & Young Families</i>
Dr Magdy Girgis <i>Royale Medical Centre</i>	Dr Sayeed Khan <i>Allcare Medical Centre Hammondville</i>	Dr Jurriaan Beek <i>Casino Medical Centre</i>
Dr Pauline Hector <i>Queen St General Practice</i>	Dr Manmit Madan <i>Hillside Medical Practice</i>	Dr Cathy Amey <i>Riverside General Practice</i>
Dr Shanthini Seelan <i>Bridgeview Medical Practice</i>	Dr Gurdip Manku <i>Glenfield Family Medical Practice</i>	Dr Jimmy Chiu <i>Alstonville Clinic</i>
Dr S Thava Seelan <i>Bridgeview Medical Practice</i>	Dr Catherine Stewart <i>Russell Street Medical Centre</i>	Dr Greg Hunter <i>Riverside General Practice</i>
Dr Sandya Wanigaratne <i>Carlingford Court Medical Centre</i>	Dr Kenneth McCroary <i>Macarthur General Practice</i>	Dr Norbert Weber <i>Mullumbimby Medical Centre</i>
Dr Huy Quoc An <i>Total Care Medical Centre</i>	Dr Arif Mirza <i>Campbelltown Medical Centre</i>	Dr Geoff Chew <i>Russell Street Medical Centre</i>
Dr Peter Arnaudon <i>Camden Family Practice</i>	Dr Suresh Nair <i>Minto Mall Medical Centre</i>	Dr Colin Jamieson <i>Russell Street Medical Centre</i>
Dr Ron Campbell <i>The Oaks Medical Practice</i>	Dr Harry Pope <i>Fairfield Chase Medical Centre</i>	Dr Hal Rikard-Bell <i>Russell Street Medical Centre</i>
Dr Deepa Garg <i>Primary Care Family Medical Centre</i>	Dr Nilmini Rajadurai <i>Hope Medical Practice</i>	Dr John Sandra <i>Russell Street Medical Centre</i>
Dr Mahmoud Hamad <i>West Hoxton Medical Centre</i>		Dr Raymond Seeto <i>Macarthur Square Medical & Dental Centre</i>



Prof Jenny Reath and Dr Sayeed Khan



Dr Miriam Brooks, Prof Annemarie Hennessy, Prof Jenny Reath and Dr Michael Fasher

From the laboratory bench to the GP: Western Sydney University's inaugural GP Research Expo

GPs who attended the 'Research Informing Clinical Practice' Expo on June 25th were treated to a smorgasbord of tantalising insights into laboratory-based research at the School of Medicine, hearing from basic science researchers on their work on developing a bionic eye, stem cell therapies and pharmacological studies on neuro inflammation in mice. Participants also learned about research being conducted by the Department of General Practice into otitis media in urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, colorectal cancer survivorship, diabetes in Samoan populations, oral health, using an Ishikawa diagram for teaching, and student learning when GP consultations are held in other languages.

It was a great opportunity to be updated on new acute back pain guidelines, the polypill, women's health and common skin conditions; and to practice fun clinical skills such as pneumatic otoscopy, assessing vestibular function, and triage in disaster situations. Apart from the wonderful food and company, it was an honour to recognise some of our long-serving GP supervisors with a GP supervisor award, and to present the Nick Collins award to a fifth-year medical student, Aimee Tran. This award went towards a trip to the GP16 conference in Perth where she and her group presented a research paper on youth access to sexual health services in Western Sydney. We are looking forward to the next GP research expo, possibly in 2018. This event was co-sponsored by the Western Sydney University Translational Health Research Institute.



Triage in Disasters Workshop

Library Resources for GP Conjoints

The WSU library has some excellent resources and the WSU policy of electronic over hardcopy means that a large proportion of our resources are accessible wherever you are with an internet connection. One such resource is **ClinicalKey**, a clinical search engine which has been designed to support physicians and nurses in their clinical decision making.

Just some of the features of ClinicalKey are:

- 1,400+ Topic Pages
- 1,000+ Elsevier medical books
- 600+ Elsevier medical journals
- 50+ clinics - full text medical and surgical review articles
- 2.2 million+ medical images for use in presentations and handouts
- 300+ procedures consult articles and associated videos
- 17,000+ Elsevier medical videos

Another point of care tool held by the library is BMJ's best practice. This database is designed to provide clinicians with quickly accessible patient consult information. The user interface is straightforward and simple, enabling the user to reach the desired content with just a few clicks.

Both ClinicalKey and best practice can be found on the library's subject guide for medicine. <http://subjectguides.library.westernsydney.edu.au/medicine>

GP Supervisor Support Survey

We are always appreciative of our GP supervisors who volunteer to teach medical students in their practices and would like to find out how we can better help you teach our students. We would be grateful if you could complete this 5-minute questionnaire online about how we can support you in your GP supervisor role.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPSupervisorsupport>

Teaching

GPs Flipping Classrooms



The Department of General Practice has been experimenting with a flipped classroom approach for teaching medical students at Western Sydney University this year. The concept of flipping a classroom is not to turn students' minds topsy-turvy. It is switching the traditional sequence of classroom teaching followed by homework; to students doing the homework first, prior to classroom teaching.

In the flipped classroom scenario, students are asked to learn theoretical concepts at home (by viewing a recorded lecture, reading set material, or watching a Youtube presentation) then meet in small groups with an experienced facilitator to discuss and apply the theory using case discussion or role plays, for example. This approach increases students' retention of key concepts because higher order learning is involved when these concepts are reinforced in a practical, collaborative setting. The small group format ensures everyone has a chance to clarify their understanding and apply their knowledge in specific situations.

This year our team of GP academics have used this approach in teaching "motivational interviewing" with Year 2 students, "GP consultations" with Year 4 students, and "opioid prescribing" with Year 5 students. Students have given us very positive feedback on this approach so far, and we are very grateful to our guest presenters and facilitators: Drs Wally Jamal, Jenny James and Jenny Yuan.

GP supervisors can implement a flipped classroom in their clinical teaching by asking students to research a topic related to a patient seen that day, then check their understanding and give them opportunities to apply what they learned the next day. As always, the perennial problem is students who come to class without having done their homework!

A New Model for GP Teaching in Year 3

Starting in 2017, students undertaking their Medicine in Context (MiC) placements will have more time in general practice, as well as a more structured approach to learning about general practice. These changes have been made in response to feedback from students requesting more exposure to general practice, changes to the community placement component of the term as well as review by faculty to better integrate teaching on social determinants of health with clinical teaching.

In the first five-week block, students will still attend one day per week in general practice, with three days in a community placement, and one day on campus. In the second five-week block, students will now attend two days per week for five weeks in general practice, with two days in community and one day attending workshops and seminars on campus.

Learning outcomes for the general practice component of MiC have been tightened but are still aligned to the RACGP domains of general practice:

- **Domain 1:** Demonstrates effective communication skills and the ability to develop a good doctor-patient relationship.
- **Domain 2:** Apply relevant medical knowledge and skills in GP setting by demonstrating knowledge of common medical conditions including the ability to gather information and perform a clinical examination appropriate to their stage of learning.
- **Domain 3:** Review how various social determinants of health contribute to health outcomes of individuals and communities in Greater Western Sydney.
- **Domain 4:** Utilise learning experiences in community organisations and General Practice to identify personal strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Domain 5:** Describe differences between provisions of health care in the community through General Practice compared with in the hospital setting.

Students will be asked to discuss their learning plan with their supervisors at the beginning and end of the term, and have a list of weekly tasks to complete (in any order) that they will document in a logbook.

More detailed information is available in the GP Supervisor Guide and MiC Clinical Attachment Descriptor that will be sent to GPs who supervise Year 3 students. We welcome your feedback as these changes are implemented next year and hope it will make the GP placement experience more valuable for both student and supervisor.

Our Communities

In October 2016 Dr Miriam Brooks (Senior Lecturer) travelled to Vanuatu where she volunteered with Medical Santo, a primary healthcare service in Luganville, Espiritu Santo Island. Luganville, the second largest town in Vanuatu, did not have a GP staffed primary healthcare service until three years ago when Medical Santo opened its doors. Of her volunteer experience, Miriam said: "It was wonderful, I met and worked with many lovely people, and it reminded me of the importance of primary care in meeting people's health needs, something we can take for granted in countries like Australia that have established primary health care systems". Medical Santo is looking for GPs and nurses to volunteer at the service, accommodation is provided. For more information about volunteer opportunities contact: Libby.Scheinflug@medicalsanto.com



Medical Santo doctors and medical student playing with children at local beach

Student News



Aimee Tran receiving her award from Nick's family

Nick Collins Award

A memorial award has been established in memory of Dr Nick Collins, to enable a fourth or fifth year medical student to attend the annual RACGP Conference. Dr Nick Collins was a Senior Lecturer with the Department of General Practice at Western Sydney University, when he tragically and unexpectedly died in August 2014. Congratulations to Aimee Tran, the winner of the Nick Collins award this year and also to Amy Hort and Jeremy Hall whose applications were highly commended by the panel of judges.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to Nick's Award please go to

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/give/home/memorial_giving/dr_nick_collins_memorial_fund

2016 General Practice Student Awards

At our annual mid-year awards ceremony the following general practice student awards were presented:

Calvary Award in Fostering Personal and Professional Development in Medicine - Zahraa Ahadzada

Wollondilly Shire Council Prize for Medicine in Context - Sarah Spencer and James Kim.

We are about to celebrate an end-of –the-year awards celebration and will let you know about the successful students in our next newsletter!

Research Updates

WATCH Team Researchers at OMOZ 2016

The WATCH team was wonderfully represented at **OMOZ Conference in Newcastle from 13th - 15th September 2016**. This is a national biennial conference enabling sharing of new knowledge in Indigenous ear health and development of strategies to tackle the ongoing problems. This year the conference was convened by Professor Kelvin Kong, Australia's first Aboriginal ENT surgeon and a CI on WATCH. Kelvin put together a jam packed program of valuable and interesting presentations on the range of research from laboratory to surgical and community based interventions. In particular a number of our WATCH team represented us well.

WATCH Team OMOZ 2016 Presentations

1. Sissy Tyson and Deb Askew provided an oral presentation on behalf of the WATCH Research Officers titled *'that's why they employ us blackfellas: The importance of Indigenous research officers in clinical trials'*
2. Natasha Peter and Penny Abbott presented *'Tympanometry use in Aboriginal Health Services - perspectives from the WATCH trial'*
3. Jenny Reath presented *'Watching and Waiting: an overview of WATCH including some of the learning from our qualitative research'*

In addition, Amanda Leach, Peter Morris, Hasantha Gunasekera and of course Kelvin all presented their research in Ear Health and we all enjoyed getting together in between presentations including a team meeting on Thursday morning but especially riding down sand dunes and digging for pippis on Worrimmi country.

OMOZ Website: <http://omoz2016.com.au/>



Front left to right: Amanda Leach, Kira Schubert, Nicole King, Sandra Williams, Sissy Tyson, Jenny Reath, Penny Abbott, Emily Jennings
Back left to right: Robyn Walsh, Peter Morris, Natasha Peter, Hasantha Gunasekera, Jean Tsembis, Hilary Miller, Reeion Murray



Above Left: Prof Jenny Reath; Top Right: Sissy Tyson and A/Prof Deb Askew;
Bottom Right: Presentation slide

CDC Recognition for Dr Kam Wong

Congratulations to Dr Kam Wong, Senior Lecturer, Department of General Practice (Rural Clinical School, Bathurst). Kam has recently been notified by the USA Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that his research paper using the CDC 21-year dataset has been recognised and listed in the CDC website. The work informing this has been published as [Antibiotic use for *Vibrio* infections: important insights from surveillance data.](#)

GP16 Presentations

At the recent RACGP conference in Perth Dr Penny Abbott presented the outcomes of the Justice Health teaching program as well as presenting on the recent publication 'If they're your doctor, they should care about you': Women on release from prison and general practitioners – see <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/2016/october/if-they%E2%80%99re-your-doctor-they-should-care-about-you-women-on-release-from-prison-and-general-practitioners/>

Dr Lawrence Tan and Prof Jenny Reath along with other co-researchers presented their findings on 'Doing qualitative research with CALD participants: Lessons learned from colorectal cancer survivors' in a Poster.

Students Aimee Tran and Amy Hort presented the results of their Community Research project undertaken with Dr Michael Burke looking at youth access to sexual health services.



Dr Lawrence Tan's Poster Presentation (Left) Prof Jenny Reath, Amy Hort, Aimee Tran, Dr Penny Abbott at RACGP Gala Dinner (Above)

GP Conjoints

Thank you to all our GP Conjoints. We greatly value your commitment and contribution to our teaching and research activities here at Western Sydney University. If your name is not on this list your conjoint status may have expired. Please contact Vicki Bradley and she will assist you in re-instating your conjoint appointment!

Dr Akber Alamyar	Dr Fiona Mackintosh	Dr Ken McCroary	Dr Ramesh Pillai
Dr Andrew Knight	Dr Frances Guinness	Dr Linda McQueen	Dr Randa Al-Hajali
Dr Angela Kwok	Dr Frank Keh	Dr Ling Yoong	Dr Raymond Seeto
Dr Anne Gilroy	Dr Furio Virant	Dr Louise McDonnell	Dr Sayeed Khan
Dr Arif Mirza	Dr Glen Au-Yeung	Dr Magdy Girgis	Dr Stephen Hampton
Dr Brian Wallace	Dr Graham Blom	Dr Matthew Gray	Dr Stephen Peterson
Dr Bruce McGarity	Dr Gurdip Manku	A/Prof Michael Fasher	Dr Suresh Badami
Dr Channappa Jayadev	Dr Hani Bittar	Dr Michael Phipps	Dr Suresh Nair
Dr Chee Koh	Dr Helen Chriss	Dr Milan Djukanovic	Dr Sushil Anand
Dr David Ng	Dr Huy Quoc An	Dr Muralikrishnan	Dr Tuan Bui
Dr David Le	Dr Jenny James	Thiruvengadam	Dr Thava Seelan
Prof Diana O'Halloran	Dr Joseph Lombardo	Dr Nicole Leotta	Dr Thomas Johnston
Dr Dimuthu	Dr Judit Gonczi	Dr Nigel Hawkins	Dr Tim Senior
Samaranayake	Dr Jurriaan Beek	Dr Olataga Aloffiva-	Dr Wally Jammal
Dr Emmanuel Jessa	Dr Katerina Lagios	Doorbinnia	A/Prof Walter Kmet
Dr Eshwar Madas	Dr Kelly Watt	Dr Parker Magin	Dr Zenith Lal

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