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MESSAGE FROM THE PETER BRENNAN CHAIR OF GENERAL PRACTICE

Dear Colleagues

Again a busy year for our Department and a year of changes, not all for the better.

The sudden death of our friend and colleague Nick Collins has been huge for us, but nothing like the loss for his family and we are also aware of the loss to Campbelltown Hospital, the Hospital in the Home Association and Nick's practice partners and other General Practice colleagues.

We honour Nick by continuing his work with us particularly in supporting our GP supervisor network and the student mentoring program (see p7).

Changes to General Practice Training, Medicare Locals and around the GP Co-Payment make a trifecta of challenges for General Practice, at a time when health needs and costs are increasing in Australia and strong Primary Health Care is well evidenced as the most cost

effective base for equitable health care.

I will continue to speak out in the media and through our professional organisations in support of Australian General Practice and those who work in this invaluable specialty, often at their own cost. The increased PIP payments for General Practice teaching (Page 2) are a long overdue, but nonetheless welcomed acknowledgement of the importance of this role.

Similarly we celebrate the RACGP awards to GPs and General Practice and AMS teams and our own Lawrence Tan - celebrate with us on p5!

On a more positive note, we are very glad to be welcoming Carl Bazergy to our Department and are pleased that Miriam Brooks is able to continue with us into 2015. Many thanks to Fiona McIntosh who stepped in to assist with our student teaching and made a great team with Miriam and Lawrence at our Year 5 Back to Base sessions.

Our GP Registrars Kelly Watt and Jaspreet Saini have almost completed their research projects - you will hear more in the future. We will be joined in 2015, courtesy of a generous grant

from WentWest Ltd, by a new GP Registrar Dr Adena Attalla.

You will read a snippet of our research activities on page 8. We encourage you also to review the recent publications contributed not only by academics in the Department but increasingly by our GP Conjoint — well done Wally Jamal and Kean-Seng Lim! Read also about Lawrence's recent work in China on page 12.

As always the students are our primary focus and it is great to hear of their enthusiastic engagement in events like the City to Surf. GPSN continue their important role in inspiring other students about General Practice as a Career Choice (p9).

Finally our very best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy time over Christmas and the holiday season and all the very best in 2015.

Thank you for all your support of our team and our students.

Jenny Reath

PRACTICE MANAGER NEWS

MEDICARE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Cut-off dates for submitting claim forms	Quarterly Payment Month
24 January	February
23 April	May
24 July	August
24 October	November

Great News!
Practice Incentive
Payments have been
doubled to \$200 per
session from
1st January!

MiC & YR 5 PiP PROCESS

To reduce administrative load for our supervising GPs and their staff, all UWS Medical Students are responsible for completing the Medicare PiP Teaching Incentive form online, then printing out for the Practice to authorise. The students **must** return the PiP 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 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.

LATEST PiP FORM FOR 2015

Medicare has released a new format for 2015 PiP forms. If you are the authorised signatory, please give the signed form back to the student to return to us for authorisation. We will always issue you with a copy and confirmation that we have either sent to your practice network head office for signing or direct to Medicare for payment.

Follow this link for a copy of the updated form:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/spw/health-professionals/forms/resources/ip006-1412en.pdf>

2015 METRO STUDENT PLACEMENT DATES SEMESTER 1

Year 3 MiC Students: Metro	Year 5 GP Students: Metro
MiC 1: 27 January —27 February	Metro 1: 9 February—13 February
MiC 2: 2 March—4 April	Metro 2: 16 March—17 April
MiC 3: 20 April—22 May	Metro 3: 20 April—22 May

WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

2014 HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A YEAR OF LEAVE TAKING AND THANKFULLY, ALSO OF WELCOMES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Carl Bazergy joins us as a part time Senior Lecturer. Carl established a solo general practice in 2003, which has grown into a multidisciplinary medical centre where he takes students and GP Registrars. He has worked for four years as a Medical Educator with GP Synergy and also assisted since 2011 with medical student education and assessment at UNSW. Carl will have a key role in liaison with GP supervisors in the South West.

Dr Miriam Brooks, an experienced GP in the Blue Mountains, joined our team on a half time contract early this year. Miriam has particular interest in the social determinants of health and has worked in women's health, Aboriginal health, mental health, adolescent health and mindfulness based therapies. She has been a fabulous asset to our "Back to Base" year 5 teaching where she was joined for a number of sessions by **Dr Fiona Macintosh**. We are pleased that Miriam will continue to work with us in 2015 and hope to welcome Fiona back on occasions as her time allows. Aside from the Back to Base teaching and the GP Mentoring Program, Miriam is developing a learning program for the soon to be opened Oran Park Integrated Primary Care Centre. Miriam will also be leading a new round of Evidence Based Journal Clubs for GPs in south West Sydney – watch for a flyer about this program.

On the research side of our activities, we welcome **Dr Marlee King** who is working on an Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute funded project aiming to develop a model of support for GP Practice teams in areas of socio-economic and health disadvantage. Initially our focus will be on GPs in the Blacktown – Mt Druitt area as this project is another WentWest, UWS U Syd collaboration. Marlee completed a PhD in the area of Health Psychology at UWS and had been overseeing the ATAPS program at Nepean Blue Mountains Medicare Local.

Brogan Renshaw has moved on from the Department following completion of our landmark evaluation of the Partnerships between WentWest and the Western Sydney LHD. We wish Brogan every success in his future research endeavours.

We wish **Nicole King** all the best as she departs on 12 months maternity leave. We were fortunate to appoint **Danielle Guyder** who will take on Nicole's role as Administrative Officer on the WATCH Trial. Danielle has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Policy and Applied Social Research. Danielle was employed by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner as a Deputy Director and Policy Advisor as well as in the NSW Office of Industrial Relations as an Information Officer.

As we farewell our wonderful GP Registrars **Kelly Watt** and **Jaspreet Saini**, we are very pleased to welcome **Dr Dena Attalla** who will join us in 2015 in a similar capacity. Kelly and Jas have both achieved the FRACGP during their time with us as well as contributing enormously to our teaching and substantially completing challenging and valuable research projects.

Dr Louise McDonnell is also leaving us, though we hope she will continue to assist with our teaching from time to time. Thanks particularly go to Louise for her assistance with the award winning Blue Mountains Cancer Help evaluation as well as her work on the Evidence Based Journal Clubs in the west of Sydney.

FIVE MINUTES WITH DR CARL BAZERGY

SENIOR LECTURER, GENERAL PRACTICE

Dr Bazergy, tell us a little about your career and what led you to taking on a teaching role with the UWS School of Medicine.

I graduated from UNSW in 1998, and attained the FRACGP in 2002. I established a solo general practice in 2003, which slowly grew into a multidisciplinary medical centre where I currently work.

I have had a passion for teaching since high school, where I tutored several students. I have been training medical students and GP registrars at the practice level since 2008.

I commenced work with GP Synergy as a medical educator in 2011, and have been engaged in medical student education and assessment at UNSW since 2011.

I'm very excited to enter this new phase in my career, and to apply the knowledge and skills I have learned to my teaching role at UWS, as well as to learn some new skills in research.

What do you enjoy about teaching medical students?

I enjoy being part of educating the doctors of tomorrow, and to grasp those 'teachable moments' and watch as everything begins to make sense to students.



The other aspect of education that I truly enjoy, is the need to educate myself prior to educating others.

I believe there is no better way to learn than to teach.

How do you manage your work/life balance and what interests do you have outside of medicine?

My current approach is to pray for guidance - this is an area which I haven't mastered yet. My main interest outside of medicine is my family - my wife Tania,

and my 3 children Lachlan (5) and twins Zac and Zoe (3). My main strategy for work-life balance is to try and spend as much quality time with family as possible.

For any GPs contemplating teaching medical students in their practice, what advice can you give to assist their decision to join us?

Since accepting medical students and registrars, work has become much more interesting and less isolated.

Students have the most up to date knowledge and often teach me and keep me up to date.

It is very rewarding teaching students and watching them benefit from the experience and skills I have gained.

"ON PRICE SIGNALS, CO-PAYMENTS AND BARNACLES"

On the 3rd of December, *The Sydney Morning Herald* published a comment piece by Mt Druitt GP, GP Supervisor and Conjoint Senior Lecturer, Dr Kean-Seng Lim titled ***"GPs and patients under threat when health care is driven by cost"***. Dr Lim's rational and well-argued contribution to the debate is soundly grounded in his experience in and commitment to Mt Druitt. We are grateful to Dr Lim for bringing the discussion back to the most real issue: actually helping GPs to work with their patients and communities to improve their health and well-being. His eloquent piece obviously resonated for many SMH readers with the article having been Tweeted and Facebook shared almost 300 times so far! If you haven't already read the article, follow this link: <http://www.smh.com.au/comment/gps-and-patients-under-threat-when-health-care-is-driven-by-cost-20141202-11xlv.html>

GP SUPERVISOR COMMUNITY

RACGP AWARDS, 2014

At the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners GP14 Conference, Western Sydney was strongly represented with awards announced for Dr Michael Crampton as GP of the year, Riverstone Family Medical Practice as the General Practice of the Year and the AMS Western Sydney Chronic Care Team awarded the Standing Strong Together Award. Congratulations Michael, Sharon Muir, Michelle Crockett and team and Joyce Davison, Louise Moore, Tania Davison, Sonya Cameron and our own Penny Abbott!

Our Senior Lecturer, Dr Lawrence Tan won an RACGP/Primary Care Collaborative Cancer Clinical Trials Group (PC4) Research Grant of \$10,000 for his research about "Patient Perspectives on Shared Care following Colorectal Cancer Surgery". Please contact Lawrence at DeptGP@uws.edu.au if you have any patients (either English, Spanish or Vietnamese speaking) who have had Colorectal surgery in the past 5 years or if you would like a poster for your waiting room. Further details are on page 8.



L-R: Dr Michael Crampton, Dr Sharon Muir, Dr Michelle Crockett and WentWest CEO, Walter Kmet.



AMS Western Sydney Chronic Care Team

GP SUPERVISOR COMMUNITY

WELCOME ABOARD POWELL STREET MEDICAL PRACTICE

The Department of General Practice welcomed the Powell Street Medical Practice into the GP Supervising fold in July.

The medical practice has been under the leadership of Dr Olataga Alofivae-Doorbinnia (GP Principal) and her husband Kamal Doorbinnia since 1995 and provides teaching to medical students and GP registrars in a busy working class area.

Our dear colleague, the late Dr Nick Collins visited the practice earlier in the year to discuss GP Supervision of our medical students with Dr Doorbinnia and her husband Kamal, he wrote *"I spent 90 minutes being ever-increasingly impressed by their approach to teaching, General Practice and their community."*

As you can see by the accompanying photographs, Powell Street Medical Practice is very engaged in issues affecting their patients, and they truly love their local community.

The medical practice was granted a Primary infrastructure grant from the federal government to improve the internal and external building and provide more medical equipment.

To celebrate the completion, a smoke ceremony was performed by Uncle Steve. There were some special quests such as the Samoan Consul Mr Fonoti, members of the Muramali Land Council, as well the local and regular patients who attend the medical practice.



Muramali Land Council Rep, Mr Fonoti, Uncle Steve, Kamal and Dr Olataga Alofivae-Doorbinnia at the smoking ceremony.



Year 5 medical student (2nd from left) Ernie Ibrahim lends her support to Powell Street Medical Practice whilst on placement, in response to slated Medicare reform. Photo courtesy of The Torch newspaper.

UNPROVEN STEM CELL THERAPIES: WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

Assessment of proposed stem cell treatments through clinical trials is used to determine the treatment's safety and effectiveness, with the results published for transparency and further education. Dr Michael O'Connor, Senior Research Lecturer in Regenerative Medicine, UWS has in conjunction with Stem Cells Australia and the National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia, prepared a brochure to assist you in your search for more information in this new field of medicine. You can download it here: <http://www.asscr.org/assets/ASSCR-SOC/Stem-Cells-Aust-WEB.pdf>

GP SUPERVISOR COMMUNITY

GP MENTORS FOR UWS STUDENTS

In the words of Nick Collins “The path into the career of medicine is anything but straightforward. The acquisition of knowledge is but one part of a cascade of professional requirements placed upon those who enter the discipline.

From integrity and ethics to the socialisation within a vocational group, the student of today will need more than exam passes to become the doctor of tomorrow.”

Nick led the roll out of our GP Mentoring Program in late 2013. We have since consulted with both the GP Mentors and the student mentees and identified a number of improvements to this program which will be led by Miriam Brooks in 2015.

Grateful thanks to those GPs who gave their time and enthusiasm to this important aspect of our training at UWS. We will soon be advertising for the next round of the GP Mentoring Program.

In the meantime if you are interested in learning more please contact Miriam at miriam.brooks@uws.edu.au

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY & HEPATITIS AWARENESS WEEK

Vietnamese-Australian Medical Association

Sài Gòn Place in Bankstown, NSW

3 August, 2014

Penny Abbott represented the School of Medicine at the Vietnamese- Australian Medical Association World Hepatitis Day event held in Bankstown on 3/8/2014. Led by Dr Vinh Binh Lieu, community and health leaders and experts in hepatitis came together to promote awareness of the need for detection and successful management of hepatitis B and C.



Front row from right to left:

Mr Stuart Loveday, CEO of Hepatitis NSW. Dr Penny Abbott, School of Medicine, UWS. Maree Graham, Community and Regional Engagement, UWS. Mr Rene Pennock CEO South Western Sydney Medicare Local. Dr Vinh Binh Lieu, President of Vietnamese-Australian Medical Association. Ms Tania Mihailuk, BEC, LLB MP, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Bankstown and her daughter. Councillor Alex Kuskoff, Bankstown City Council. Mr Hung Bui (standing), VP of Australasian Dragon Business Association.

RESEARCH



WATCH TRIAL

Professor Jennifer Reath is leading a team of multi-institutional researchers and researcher partners including five Aboriginal Community Controlled Primary Health Care Services and Inala Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Service to determine best management of ear infections in urban Aboriginal Children. The \$1.6m National Health and Medical Research Council funded project will compare a “watchful waiting approach” used by non-Aboriginal Children with the immediate use of antibiotics recommended for Aboriginal Children living in remote areas. The study will assess the relative effectiveness of the watchful waiting approach while also gauging its cost-effectiveness and assessing its acceptability among parents, carers and health care providers. Recruitment commenced at AMSWS in October 2014 and will continue across all sites sequentially until December 2016. The study aims to recruitment 500 patients, with five patients recruited to date.

NEPEAN BLUE MOUNTAINS PARTNERS IN RECOVERY EVALUATION

The Nepean Blue Mountains Medicare Local (NBML) is one of a number of organisations across the country responsible for delivering the Federal mental health initiative - “Partners in Recovery”. The NBML is providing integrated and coordinated services and support for those suffering severe and persistent mental illness across the four Local Government areas of Penrith, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Lithgow.

Funded by Wentworth Health Care Limited, the NBML has engaged UWS in a project to

provide a local evaluation of their Partners in Recovery program. A program logic based evaluation framework has been developed which will examine organisational documents and gather information from a range of stakeholders that include consumers and carers, providers of health care and allied support, and management and staff. The current evaluation will inform the program’s development and leave an established framework to carry out subsequent investigations.

Dr Steven Trankle
Senior Research Officer

DO YOU HAVE PATIENTS WHO HAVE HAD SURGERY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER?

The UWS Department of General Practice, Department of Surgery and the Centre for Health Research are currently conducting a study into patient perspectives on shared care following colorectal cancer surgery. We are particularly interested in hearing the stories of patients from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. We have a team of research assistants able to interview them in Vietnamese, Spanish or English. We would be extremely grateful for your help in publicising this research to your patients. They will receive a small gift card as a token of appreciation for their time. Please contact Chris Martin on (02) 4620 3933 or GPdept@uws.edu.au if you would like a poster in any of these languages to put up in your waiting room. A link to information: http://uws.edu.au/medicine/som/disciplines/general_practice/general_practice_research/surviving_colorectal_cancer

Academic Registrar Dr Kelly Watt was recently awarded \$1500 by GPET for the research paper she presented at this year’s GPET conference: **“Cross cultural training of GP registrars – Who is responsible? Assessing the perceptions and training needs of GP Supervisors in Western Sydney.”** The quality of applications was of a very high standard and though Kelly narrowly missed the research prize, GPET wrote saying they were impressed with the quality of her application and the importance of her research to general practice. This award will enable Kelly to present her work at a relevant conference.

STUDENT NEWS

THE SUN HERALD'S "CITY2SURF" consists of 85,000 runners traversing 14 kilometres including over 2 kilometres of steep ascent only to descend them again on the final strait towards Australia's most famous beach.

Among the 85,000 that participate more than 300 seek medical attention; most commonly for benign orthopaedic injuries or mild heat exhaustion.

Each year however, there are a small number of life threatening cardiac arrhythmias which have tragically caused 4 deaths over the history of the race.

Daniel Buckingham and I were lucky enough to be included in one of the 5 medical teams stationed at the finish line where casualties were assessed, treated and monitored with none of the investigations performed routinely in Sydney's major hospitals.

While experience in these hospitals is well suited to preparation for internship; the City2Surf presented a unique opportunity to practice clinical judgement with only a limited history and physical examination to go by. Unlike typical medical student rotations, the City2Surf was an insight into the pre-hospital environment including the retrieval of critically unstable patients.

The service is run with military efficiency and is used by NSW Health as a training activity for future, unplanned disasters to which these same teams may have to deploy. Although intimidated at first, I was able to fit in quickly and I found the clear direction and teamwork extremely satisfying.

In addition to the familiar skills such as rehydration and resuscitation protocols, I was able to directly observe and participate in the provision of a large scale disaster response where the triage to discharge time was frequently 15 to 20 minutes.

I often assumed the role of scribe during resuscitation and wrote up patient summaries for use by tertiary hospitals when further care was required.

The day is followed by an extensive debrief which included a free meal, I enjoyed the day immensely and would highly recommend it to students of all persuasions.

Ross Elliott, 2014 Medicine Graduate



Many thanks to Penny Burns for enabling our students to participate in this event.

GPSN HAD A HECTIC YEAR AT UWS IN 2014.

We saw a host of events highlighting GP to the students here, starting the year with our 5th year BBQ, and O-Week Slushies & Movie night, showing our love for the graduating class and the new students coming into UWS, and reminding them of the great career of general practice.

Continuing into the year we had some great fundraising events, raising money for the Starlight Foundation and Close the Gap campaign. GPSN will continue to be a dynamic group that has an impact on the greater society outside of medical school, hoping to raise money and awareness for these causes into the future.

We also had some great help from the GP faculty, including Prof Jenny Reath AND MS ROBYN WALSH, and also Dr Land Phan, a UWS alumna, at the GPSN & RHUWS combined Clinical Skills Workshops. The GP workshops were a real hit amongst the students, showcasing pneumatic otoscopy and tympanometry,

skills that we were all definitely glad to have more exposure to.

Overall it has been a successful year for GPSN UWS, and I'd like to thank my team of hardworking executive members; Maiyoori Jeyaprakash, Natnaie Masli, Larry Lam, Karimi Williams, Tom Knellwolf, Avni Garg, and Vanessa Tent for their dedication throughout the year to convey General Practice as an enjoyable and viable career option for our future doctors here at UWS.

I also wish the 2015 team, led by Larry, the best of luck for the year and can't wait to see what they do.

And I would also like to congratulate the other UWS students working with me on the National Executive team for GPSN; Rajdeep Ubeja & Jaislie Anderson. It should be a great year for UWS and GP involvement! And thank you again to the GP Faculty, from myself and GPSN UWS 2014, having your help this year has made a world of difference.

Jarrod N. Bradley (GPSN UWS Outgoing Chair, 2014)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GP SUPERVISOR WORKSHOP AND COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE 21ST OCTOBER, 2014 - CAMPBELLTOWN CAMPUS

In October, we shared our regular GP Supervisor development evening with a number of MiC Community Partners. GPs were pleased to discover more about these organisations and their roles both in training our students and in meeting patient needs. The Community Partners welcomed the opportunity to talk about their services with GP supervisors and each other.

Many thanks to all concerned!



Miller Community Health - Aboriginal Chronic Care program



The Hills and Mount Druitt Community Health Centres team and UWS Community Engagement Officer, Tina Banks.



Jenny Reath and GP Supervisors deep in thought during the Evidence Based mini Journal Club workshop session.



Our wonderful Community Service and GP Supervisor colleagues had the opportunity to share their networks and a meal

Thanks for your hospitality!

OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE GP TEAM

The GP Team has recently conducted several sites visits. One of these was to our rural clinical school in beautiful down town Bathurst.

Mel, Penny and Lawrence had the opportunity to visit the Bathurst rural clinical school in September. Apart from enjoying great food and a pleasant stay at a quirky B & B called "The Dairy", some work actually got done. Together with A/ Prof Kumara Mendis, we visited Dr Vijayakumar and his wife, who run a practice in Blayney about 1/2 hour west of Bathurst. They are looking forward to taking UWS GP students

from next year. We then met with practice managers and student coordinators from practices in Oberon, Busby, and George Street to give them an update on UWS teaching in general practice and to seek their feedback. It was impressive to hear how administrative staff in these practices work hard to provide a great learning experience for our students. We also met with the current Year 4 students, who appear to have had excellent teaching from their GP supervisors so far. Approximately 25% of the UWS medical school cohort spend

12 months in either Lismore or Bathurst from the second half of Year 4 to the first half of Year 5. They get to enjoy a country lifestyle, more personalised clinical exposure, and develop an appreciation of some of the joys and challenges of rural practice. Penny Burns and Chris Druce, manager of the Health Emergency Management Unit for Western NSW, presented at an early-morning Grand Rounds at Bathurst Hospital the next day. They spoke on disaster management and coordinating a hospital-GP response during an influenza outbreak.



Dr Penny Burns and Chris Druce, Grand Rounds



Dr Kumara Mendis, Dr Lawrence Tan, Chris Druce, Penny, Paul McLucas (4th Yr Rural med student) outside Bathurst Hospital post Grand Rounds.



Kumara, Penny, Mrs and Dr Vijayakumar and Lawrence, Blayney Family Medical Practice



Penny and Lawrence discussing the eclectic art and wire collection housed at the "The Dairy" B&B.

CONFERENCE CORNER

NEW SHOES FOR BAREFOOT DOCTORS IN CHINA

China has had a long and honourable history of providing accessible and affordable primary health care through the village barefoot doctor program from the late 1960s. In 1981, this program was abolished and primary health care became privatized, resulting in health care that is harder to access and more costly.

The Chinese government is now implementing a General Practice system that includes re-training the old barefoot doctors as well as providing postgraduate GP training programmes for graduates from middle and high-level medical schools. Their aim is to train 30,000 GPs by 2020 in order to meet the needs of the population.

Lawrence was privileged to learn a little about the medical system in China when invited to present at the Hainan GP Association annual conference in October this year. He was impressed to see the enthusiasm and interest in General Practice and strong government support for GP training.

Together with Drs Michael Burke and Venus Lam from Australia, and other presenters from China, the US and UK, they presented topics on Aged Care to the audience that included medical students, GP trainees and trainers, hospital specialists and health administrators.

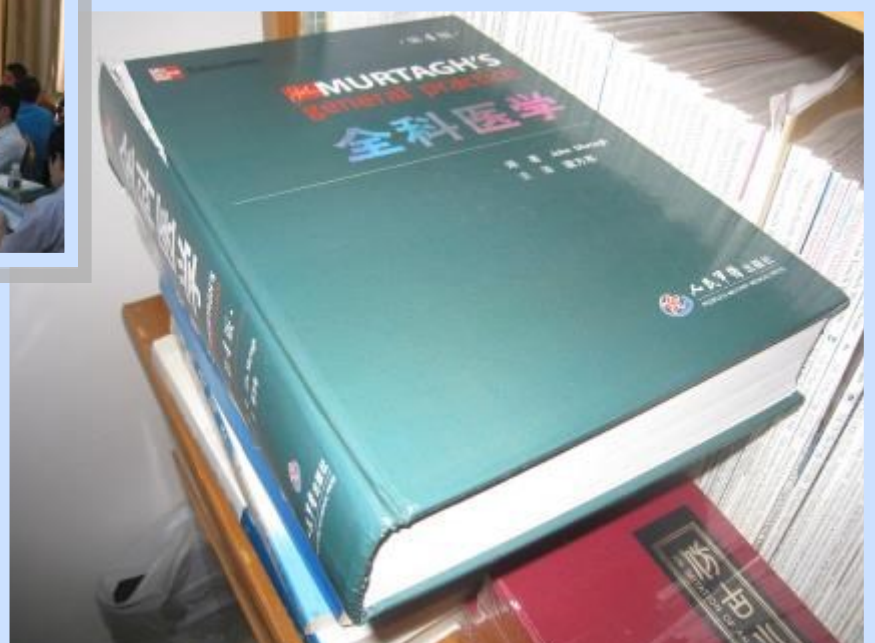
They also contributed to a 3-day “Training of Trainers” workshop, which is a key component of implementing a new GP system as China has relatively few trained GPs at present.



A very engaged and captive audience taking photos of the presenters



Lawrence presenting at “Training the Trainers”



Chinese edition of “Murtagh’s general practice” - a truly globally embraced reference and teaching tool

Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases

The rise in allergic disease prevalence over the last three decades has placed significant burden on healthcare systems to provide quality care to allergy sufferers. Currently there is an urgent need for allergy specialisation in primary care to meet the demand in allergy treatment and reduce waiting times. Offered through the University of Western Sydney, the Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases is designed for medical practitioners, particularly general practitioners and paediatricians, who want to improve their care of patients with allergic diseases and gain a greater understanding of allergic disease management. Entry is open to registered medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

This 2 year part-time course combines an introduction to the scientific basis of allergic diseases and clinical aspects of allergy. In the first year, students will complete a scientific program consisting of eight online modules delivered in distance mode, requiring approximately 5 hours per week of study. The second year consists of 50 hours of supervised clinical consultation within the setting of a specialist Immunology and Allergy clinic. As part of the course, students attend a full day face-to-face practical training workshop each year, the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) Annual Conference in both years, and the Macarthur Series in Immunology in Year 2. Indicative annual tuition fee for 2015: A\$ 7,670.

Further information is available through the University of Western Sydney at:

http://www.uws.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate/postgraduate/postgraduate_courses/health_science_courses/grad_cert_allergic_diseases

How to Apply:

All domestic applications for entry to UWS postgraduate courses must be made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Step by step instructions are available on the How to Apply pages.

To register your interest in this course and receive further course information, please email: s.sonego@uws.edu.au



*2013 graduands of the Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases, pictured with course coordinators.
From left to right: Dr Andy Woodard (GP, Victoria), Professor Connie Katelaris (course convenor, UWS),
Dr Miriam Codarini (Senior Lecturer, UWS), Dr Diamond Hira (GP, Queensland).*

PUBLICATIONS

All UWS Conjoint and Adjuncts are invited to advise the General Practice Unit of any recent publications to be recognised in future newsletters. Please contact Melinda Wolfenden on melinda.wolfenden@uws.edu.au

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Emergency Tool Kit, Emergency Medicine. RACGP

An Emergency Medicine feature appeared in the October, 2014 edition of Good Practice magazine.

Dr Penny Burns, UWS GP Senior Lecturer and Deputy Chair of the RACGP NFSI Disaster Medicine Network was interviewed for the feature along with the NFSI Chair, Dr Glynn Kelly.

P Abbott, J Reath, E Gordon, D Dave, C Harnden, W Hu, E Kozianski, C Carriage. General Practitioner Supervisor assessment and teaching of Registrars consulting with Aboriginal patients- is cultural competence adequately considered? *BMC medical education* 14 (1), 167

PEER – Partnership for Education, Evaluation and Research

This western Sydney collaboration between WentWest Ltd and the UWS and U Syd Western Clinical School Departments of General Practice has recently published a booklet highlighting a number of collaborative research projects. Please follow the link: <http://www.wentwest.com.au/news-publications/research-papers>

THANK YOU TO OUR GP CONJOINTS

Dr Rick Aitken	Dr Agatino Ferraro	Dr Chee Khoo	Dr Helen Parsons
Dr James Aitken	Dr Sarah Gani	Mr Walter Kmet	A/Prof David Peiris
Dr Sushil Anand	Dr Deepa Garg	Dr Andrew Knight	Dr Ramesh Pillai
Dr Soheyl Aran	Dr Anne Gilroy	Dr Heather Knox	Dr Harry Pope
Dr Glen Au-Yeung	Dr Magdy Girgis	Dr Chee Koh	Dr Georgia Rigas
Dr Matthew Bailey	Dr Upkar Goyal	Dr Angela Kwok	Dr Hal Rikard-Bell
Dr Jurriaan Beek	Dr Matthew Gray	Dr Katerina Lagios	Dr Bernd Rupprecht
Dr Sangeetha Bobba	Dr Stephen Hampton	Dr Tatiana Lakic	Dr Adel Saman
Dr Hamdy Boulis	Dr Emad Hanna	Dr Madhu Lal	Dr John Sandra
Dr Tan Bui	Dr Nigel Hawkins	Dr Carina Law	Dr Ranessa Sebastian
Dr Michael Burke	Dr Charles Hayes	Dr Phillip Law	Dr Raymond Seeto
Dr Graham Chaffey	Dr Katriona Herborn	Dr Karen Lickiss	Dr Michael Tan
Dr Geoffrey Chew	Dr Angela Hsiao	Dr Tuan Lieng	Dr Derek Tang
Dr Kenneth Cho	Dr Rosemary Isaacs	Dr Parker Magin	Dr Ian Thong
Dr Helen Chriss	Dr Jenny James	Dr Eshwar Madas	Dr Furio Virant
Dr Michelle Crockett	Dr Colin Jamieson	Dr Ken McCroary	Dr Ross Wilson
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Dr Clare Donnelly	Dr Channappa Jayadev	Dr Arif Mirza	Dr Steven Wong
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We would like to welcome and congratulate our new conjoint appointments

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VALE DR NICK COLLINS

Dr Nick Collins was a Senior Lecturer with the Department of General Practice at the University of Western Sydney when he tragically and unexpectedly died in August 2014.

From the beginning of the School of Medicine at UWS, Nick was one of a small number of local medical practitioners on the Curriculum Committee established to advise the newly appointed Dean, Professor Neville Yeomans. Nick's key role as lead of Hospital in the Home at Campbelltown Hospital gave him a keen understanding of learning opportunities both in the hospital and in the community / General Practice environment.

Nick joined us as a Senior Lecturer in the newly formed Department of General Practice at UWS in February 2011, where he was the lead in GP Supervisor recruitment and support in the south west of Sydney and developed a GP Mentoring program for our students. Nick was also engaged in our student teaching and supervised several student research projects, a number culminating in student presentations at the RACGP annual conference.

Nick was always primarily a General Practitioner and his teaching was solidly grounded in the stories of his patients (always anonymised and respectfully described) - his learning from them, informing the students' understanding of management of people with chronic and complex illness. His concern for them was evident in every aspect of his description of their problems and of his management. His



obvious caring for them, role modelled for students the best kind of GP.

Nick's keen interest in the students extended beyond teaching. He was our chief contact point with the GP Student Network who remember Nick: "Nick always exuded an air of positivity and merriment - bringing an added spark to every interaction. Through his interactions with GPSN, he has encouraged and inspired us all to make the most of every opportunity and endeavour."

Nick was a kind man who respected everyone he met

and was mutually respected including by the many students whose lives and careers he has influenced.

As well as a valued teacher and mentor, Nick was also a loved colleague and friend especially to those of us who worked closely with him in the Department of General Practice and as GP colleagues in the west of Sydney.

We offer our sincere sympathies to Nick's family whose loss is far greater than ours.

Vale Nick Collins – your work will continue through those of us who have respected and loved you.

