



PMCSA NEWS

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A Note From the Chairman

Professor Geoffrey Dahlenburg, OAM

The Review of PMCSA by the Medical Board and the Department of Health has come and gone. This has not prevented PMCSA continuing with its many ongoing projects and developments.

State Projects/Developments include:

Accreditation of urban & rural general practices for intern placements; Collaboration with Adelaide to Outback & Sturt-Fleurieu GPETs concerning evaluation of these placements; Teaching on the Run workshop; Welcoming new representatives to the 2005 JMO Forum meetings and progression of associated projects; Working up applications to the NAC of PGPPP for 2 new community terms at Drug & Alcohol Services SA for 2006; Continuation of education & training programs for OTDs.

National Projects/Developments include:

Representation at the Medical Education Towards 2010 Conference in Canberra; Representation of state views on 3 national projects – core competencies vs core terms, development of a JMO core curriculum, medical error – information needs of JMOs; Participation in the CPMEC Strategic Planning workshop; Presentation on behalf of CPMEC at the LIME conference in Perth - Learning in Indigenous Medical Education

Welcome to Prof Chris Baggoley

Welcome to Professor Chris Baggoley in his new role as Executive Director, Public Health & Clinical Coordination with the SA Department of Health. This large directorate is responsible for developing and implementing policy & programs in relation to health protection and promotion and illness prevention for the SA population. In addition it provides high level clinical advice to enhance departmental decision-making. Professor Baggoley is one of five executive directors that form the senior management team reporting to the CEO SA Dept of Health, Mr Jim Birch.



PMCSA Review Update

Professor Baggoley has made an early resolution in regard to finalising the outcome of the PMCSA Review.

A favoured proposal is that PMCSA would be a separate administrative unit within the Department, with clear guidelines both to the Department and the Medical Board, with responsibility to the Minister for Health.

DCT& MEO News

We recently farewelled Brian Richardson, MEO at TQEH. His work on behalf of interns & OTDs at TQEH was acknowledged by Prof Geoff Dahlenburg with a special presentation to him at a recent MEO meeting. Brian is wished well.



Geoff Dahlenburg farewells Brian Richardson

TQEH has yet to finalise any announcement regarding appointment of a new MEO. However, in the interim, the MEO group have welcomed David Cunningham who has agreed to step in for the next while to assist Mr Adrian Anthony, Director of Clinical Training with the JMO training program & support of interns. David is known to JMOs at TQEH through his substantive position as the Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator. Thanks David.

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Jenny Costi recently attended the PMCV Education Symposium whose theme this year was Learning on the Job: A Culture of Learning.

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Villa Prato

At the next combined meeting of SA DCTs & MEOs Dr David Everett (DCT at FMC) has agreed to give a report on the First International Clinical Skills Conference in Prato, Italy that he attended in May. This conference was a collaboration between the Centre for Medical & Health Sciences Education – Monash University,

Kings College – University of London, and the Clinical

Skills Network – UK. The conference theme was *From the Skills Laboratory to the Workplace: Making the Connections.*

Teaching on the Run



JMO participants



Senior participants

By a stroke of good fortune and timely representation to Dr Dianne Barrington, Medical Administrator in Clinical Systems, SA DH, PMCSA was able to secure funding for the 2 workshops in the Teaching on the Run program. Many thanks to Di for her support and advocacy of this project.

The first workshop was delivered in April by A/Professor Fiona Lake and Dr Gerard Ryan from WA who developed the training. It was open to all MEOs, DCTs and JMO Forum reps or their nominees plus those past JMO reps who initially pushed for this program to be made available. Explicit in their participation was the expectation that these people would spearhead & facilitate *Teaching on the Run* training in their home hospitals in the second half of the year.

In all there were 23 participants and the course was fully & enthusiastically attended for its duration of 1 full day and 1 evening session. Anecdotally it was a great success and more recently the written evaluations reflect the feedback was extremely positive with a shift of confidence in participants in their self evaluation before and after the workshop.

Given the size of the group, extra facilitators for the small groupwork sessions were recruited. Special thanks go to Joanne Bennett, Russell Boyd, Martin Ritossa and Karen Grace who all trained together a couple of years ago and who all readily agreed to assist and are now re-enthused!

Resource packs have now been distributed to all teaching hospitals and are held under the responsibility of the MEOs. Workshop 2 will be held in September.

WORKSHOP 1 TOPICS	WORKSHOP 2 TOPICS
Clinical (bedside) Teaching	JMO in Difficulty
Skills	Planning Term Learning
Assessment & Appraisal	Effective Group Teaching



David Thomas & Kathy Wright

Teaching a non-clinical skill



Michael Edmonds & Tony Eliseo



Clinical teaching in small groups



Community Terms

Currently we have 4 placements per term across selected sites at The Second Story Adolescent Health Service, Nunkuwarrin Yunti Aboriginal Health Service and the SA Prison Health Service. These are shared between 4 of the major teaching hospitals and an application for the creation of another 2 placements per term in 2006 at Drug & Alcohol Services SA (DASSA) has been submitted to the National Advisory Council for funding endorsement.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRISON HEALTH SERVICE

I remember last year – my intern year. It wasn't long before the interns of 2004 had to start thinking about what they wanted to do in 2005. Having read through all twenty five options, one thing was certain – the rotation marked "SA Prisons" was cemented squarely in position number twenty five. Who would want to work with prisoners? As if I would want to do that! How wrong I was.....



Dr Palash Kar at Yatala

When I was offered the SA Prisons rotation I decided to take the gamble.

Currently I am two months into the rotation and it has been

nothing short of eye opening. The job itself is very enjoyable and work is located across 3 sites - Yatala Labor Prison, Adelaide Remand Centre and the Adelaide Woman's Prison. Working as part of a GP clinic is an excellent opportunity to see a wide variety of medical problems. The prison population itself is usually young and fit and complaints run from coughs and colds to broken bones to drug abuse to mental health issues. The work is not too difficult and the opportunity does arise to perform minor surgical procedures. Joining the on-call roster is optional and it gives you the opportunity to see prisoners who are acutely unwell when they are first brought into the Adelaide City Watch house. You are also given the opportunity to become an accredited prescriber of opioid substitution treatments. Besides this there is also the chance to travel to some of the rural prisons. For instance earlier this week I was included in a visit to Mobilong and my predecessor, Dr Mahilyo Khasanova went to Cadell.

NOT ONCE HAVE I FELT THREATENED IN ANY SITUATION WHILE WORKING AT THE PRISONS.



Yatala Goal

The best part of the rotation is the staff of the Prison Health Service. The nursing staff at each of the gaols are all extremely helpful; The Director of the SAPHS, Chris Holmwood, is a more approachable boss than Richard Branson; All the supervising doctors are interested in teaching and are more than happy to answer questions as they arise.

This is a rotation I now wholeheartedly recommend.

THE SECOND STORY

Position Vacant

RMO required to work full time at supportive community organisation. Dream hours, excellent supervision, friendly staff, wide range of clinical experience including sexual health, contraception, drug and alcohol, mental health, and general medical issues. Busy, yet relaxing and fun. Participant rates it "my best medical job ever...why am I leaving?"

Welcome to The Second Story. Having spent three months here, I can vouch for the above. It's been a challenging but very educational time, and given me an incredible variety of experience within the setting of community medicine. My clinical highlight is definitely Implanon insertion and removal, but also includes improving my counselling skills, providing contraception/STI screening and health promotion advice, reviewing drug and alcohol clients and seeing their progress, and spending time in community groups. These have included Young Mums, Amigos, Inside Out, Drug and Alcohol education and a community playgroup.



Dr Julia Stratton at TSS

I would like to thank everyone at The Second Story for being such a great team to work with, and I also need to thank my TSS clients for reminding me how life issues as an adolescent are markedly different than those of an adult. I had forgotten in my old age!



Second Story-South



Second Story-North

Intern General Practice Placements

Highlights from 2004 include:

In 2005 all major SA intern training hospitals are able to offer urban &/or rural general practice placements to their interns. Currently there are 8 placements operational – rural practices at Kadina, Kapunda, Claire, Murray Bridge, Jamestown & Whyalla and urban practices at Campbelltown, Windsor Gdns & Christies Beach. A Victor Harbor practice will come on line in August 05 and Christies Beach in 06.

Early responses from interns indicate that these are very useful terms.

Because SA leads the way nationally with the take up of this initiative it was proposed that this project needs statewide evaluation.

Following a meeting of Adelaide to Outback & Sturt-Fleurieu GPETs, the Dept of health and PMCSA, Dr Anne Martin (SFGPET) and Ms Caroline Laurence (A2OGPET) designed a study which compares learning experiences of the GP terms in relation to the previous 3 core terms required by interns for registration. It is hoped to present preliminary data at the national GPET Conference in August.

A second study is planned in cooperation with the PMCQld to augment their MTRP funded Core Competencies vs Core Terms project. This will involve comparing experiences & activities of interns in A&E (part of the MTRP project) with experiences & activities of interns in rural & urban general practice. SA is again in the unique position to gain valuable information in this area which will be of considerable national importance in the evaluation of core intern terms.

JMO Forum

Welcome to new members of the Forum and thank you to those intern reps from 2004 who have returned as PGY2/3 reps in 2005.

The Forum membership comprises:

Claire Dobson, Philippa Harris, Hien Ong-Dinh, Sam Rice, Paul Lambert, Anthony Bradshaw, Angela Retchford, James Ledgard, Rowan Valentine, Kate Hancock, Rick Catterwell, Michael Edmonds, Andrew Perry, Claire Hale, Geoff Dahlenburg, & Karen Grace

Rick Catterwell is our state JMO representative for 2005 and will provide leadership & representation from the SA contingent at the national JMO forum in Perth later in the year. Anthony Bradshaw has agreed to continue as the JMO Forum rep on PMCSA Council for the remainder of this year given the current state of limbo that still exists for PMCSA..

Thus far members of the JMO Forum have been involved in:

Assisting with feedback in regards to the clinical handover process in their hospitals; monitoring intern reactions to the new "preparation for internship" of final year Adelaide university medical students; Working up the development of a CD-ROM for JMOs' handling of "Difficult Communication Scenarios"; and providing representation on the PMCSA Clinical Advisory group.



Anthony Bradshaw and Rick Catterwell

In 2005 the PMCSA subcommittee members have been involved in the Clinical Bridging Program and MCQ Tutorial Program. Both these courses are now finished. The participants in these programs found them very worthwhile. The MCQ Tutorial Program is planned to be an annual event with the next one scheduled for January 2006. The future status of the Clinical Bridging Program is unknown.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following successful exam candidates:

Clinical exam – *Fereidun Mahboubi, Christopher Mkandala, Hala Alawani, Fugui Chai, Ludmilla Sarpi, Natalia Katsikidis, Jan Hetenyi, Beatriz Negrette, David Pena-Leal and Yasser Diab*

MCQ exam – *Tony Amin, Daniela Badulescu, Olivia Bruja, and Deepu TB*

We have also coordinated an OSCE practice exam and re-established the tutorial sessions in some teaching hospitals. The tutorial sessions are coordinated in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Dr Chris Bollen, Glenside Hospital by Dr Michael Adams and Women's and Children's Hospital by Dr Cathy Cameron. Many thanks to these hard working individuals for their continued enthusiasm and support! The tutorials continue to be well attended and are very valued. The next OSCE practice exam is scheduled for August.

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