



Fellowship Facts Edition 26 April 2010

NCGPT events*

| Location | Date | Time | Topic |
|----------------|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Ballina | 17 April | 9:00am | Mock OSCE exam |
| Port Macquarie | 21 April | 9:00am | Dermatology Full Day Release |
| Ballina | 22 April | 9:00am | Dermatology Full Day Release |
| Coffs Harbour | 30 April | 9:00am | Dermatology Full Day Release |
| | 8 May | | RACGP Clinical Exam |
| Port Macquarie | 12 May | 9:00am | Mental Health Half Day Release |
| Coffs Harbour | 5-6 June | | Examination Preparation Workshop |
| Coffs Harbour | 26 – 27 June | | Communications Skills Workshop |

For further information go to www.ncgpt.org.au or contact Rhonda O'Dell rhondao@ncgpt.org.au or phone 02 6681 5711

*Attendance subject to approval from NCGPT Director of Training.

Exam Resources

Study Groups

One of the most effective ways to improve knowledge and skills is to participate in a study group. If you haven't already established or joined one, now would be a great time to start.

GPLearning

www.gplearning.com.au is an online format that provides you with a convenient way of testing your clinical knowledge and preparing for your examinations.

NCGPT Examination Preparation Workshop

You will have received an email with an attached registration form and details of this workshop. It is an excellent way of improving your examination techniques, networking, practising AKT, KFP and OSCE questions. All of this is done in a fantastic resort environment. If you haven't received information about this workshop then please contact sharync@ncgpt.org.au or rhondao@ncgpt.org.au.

Exam news

Enrolments for the 2010.2 examinations will open at 9:00 a.m. AEST on Monday 3 May 2010, and will close at 5:00 p.m. AEST on Friday 25 June 2010. <http://www.racgp.org.au/exam>

ASGC – Remoteness Areas

From 1 July 2010, the Rural Remote and Metropolitan Areas (RRMA) system will be replaced by the Australian Standard Geographic Classification – Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) system.

The general training pathway will apply in Remoteness Area (RA) 1-5 locations and the rural pathway will apply in RA 2-5 locations. The ASGC-RA has been developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, using 2006 Census data, and is widely used by Commonwealth and state agencies.

The ASGC-RA groups regions that share remoteness characteristics into RA groups. RA 1 is major cities and can be defined as urban locations; RAs 2 to 5 are grouped in progressively more remote locations, and can be defined as regional or remote. For more information about how the ASGC-RA categories are calculated or to look up the RA of a location please refer to the Doctor Connect website:

<http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/Content/RA-intro>

New Zealand Doctors

From 1 April 2010 doctors who were New Zealand citizens or New Zealand permanent residents at the time of commencement of a primary medical qualification gained in an accredited Australian or New Zealand university will no longer be subject to Section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the 10 year moratorium). Further information is available by contacting selection@gpet.com.au or from the Department of Health and Ageing Workforce Regulation Section – 19AB@health.gov.au

10 Year Moratorium Commencement Date

From 1 April 2010 Section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the 10 year moratorium) will commence from the date of first medical registration in Australia. Further information is available by contacting selection@gpet.com.au or from the Department of Health and Ageing Workforce Regulation Section – 19AB@health.gov.au

Moratorium Scaling

From 1 July 2010 doctors subject to Section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the 10 year moratorium) will be able to reduce their time requirements (currently 10 years) by up to 5 years, depending on the RA of the location where they practice. For more information please refer to the Doctor Connect website –

<http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/program-otd>

Doctors requiring detailed information about their individual circumstances in relation to Section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the 10 year moratorium) should contact the Department of Health and Ageing Workforce Regulation Section – 19AB@health.gov.au

International Medical Graduates

An IMG working group has been set up by the NSW and ACT Faculty of the RACGP to find solutions to the various issues that IMGs face from the commencement of their relationship with the college right through to Fellowship of the RACGP and beyond.

The convenor of this group is Dr Ayman Shenouda, a Fellow of the RACGP and winner of the RACGP GP of the Year award 2009, who himself migrated to Australia 16 years ago and has been practicing in Wagga Wagga for 10 years. The three other members of the working group are all IMGs, Prof Alexander Reid (RACGP Life Fellow, Professor with UNSW, Wagga Wagga), Dr John Parikh (NSW and ACT Faculty Board member and GP in Normanhurst) and Dr Jay Ramanathan (IMG and lecturer with the UWS Medical School).

The working group will focus on concerns ranging from needs for an orientation face to face program through to introducing a simpler navigation of the RACGP website via a one click button which can then link IMGs to GP Learning modules, assessment and other information needed prior to entering Australia.

For more information about the working group, please contact Emma Ford, IMG Working Group coordinator emma.ford@racgp.org.au

Resources

Medicolegal handbook for general practice

Minimise your risk of facing a complaint or claim in your general practice. Written by Dr Sara Bird, the content of this handbook is based on questions and problems that have arisen both in her work as a GP and as a claims manager for medical defence organisations. The handbook covers: medical records, confidentiality, certificates, medicolegal reports, patient consent, prescribing, follow up and recall, medical negligence claims and litigation, and managing complaints. Price: Member \$22, non-member \$38.50. To order your copy, download an order form at www.racgp.org.au/publications/orders or call 03 8699 0495.

Workshops and Conferences

GP diary – RACGP events

You can find out full details of RACGP events in your state and across Australia by visiting www.racgp.org.au/events.

Australian Consultation Skills Workshop

Saturday 24 and Monday 26 April 2010, Sydney. The program offers the opportunity to improve your bi-lingual consultation skills alongside effectively preparing for FRACGP examination. Contact Susan Jones on 02 9886 4748 or susan.jones@racgp.org.au.

53rd Gold Coast clinical update

53rd Gold Coast clinical update weekend: 'Postcards from general practice' on 1–2 May at Sea World Resort. For more information, contact Georgina Scriha on 07 3456 8941 or email georgina.scriha@racgp.org.au

International Conference in Health Care – register early

Quality in Practice (QIP) and Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL) have announced the 5th International Conference in Health Care – Quality Around the World, to be held in Melbourne from 20–22 May 2010. Visit www.qip.com.au/conference.

Skins Alive! Dermatology Workshop - 29 May 2010

A one day workshop to increase your knowledge and clinical skills on a range of Dermatology topics. This workshop includes suturing techniques/flaps, biopsy techniques and dermoscopy examinations. This is an Active Learning Module awarding 40 category 1 CPD points for participation. To register please email William at nswact.events@racgp.org.au or call 02 9886 4700.

4th Annual Rural Health Conference

"Building the future of rural health"

This premier annual event is a must for anyone with an interest in Indigenous and rural health. It will provide essential opportunities for general practitioners, researchers, health professionals and medical students to share ideas, form collaborations and networks with speakers and other delegates. The aim of the Conference is to provoke discussion on important issues in Indigenous health and in rural health more generally.

Date: May 05 2010 - May 08 2010
Early bird registration: Apr 19 2010
Location: Broome WA
Convenor: Rural Clinical School of Western Australia and Rural Health West
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Email: events@ruralhealthwest.com.au
Website: <http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/go/education/weekend-conferences/building-the-future-of-rural-health>