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A Practice Manager's Story

Tuesday 20th October started very early for myself and Jennifer Brown (Practice Manager from Kempsey). Awake at 5.00am excitedly getting ready to catch the 6.30am flight from Port Macquarie to Sydney - en route to Melbourne for the 2009 Australian Association of Practice Managers (AAPM) annual conference. We had a connecting flight to Melbourne arriving there at 10.30am, and managed to catch a shuttle bus to our accommodation in the heart of Melbourne CBD, what an accomplishment for two girls "from the country".

We unpacked our bags and headed out to do the "touristy thing", i.e. catch the free tram around the city circle. Some beautiful sights were enjoyed and friendly locals helped us out when we were looking lost. Naturally we managed to find some shops and helped boost the coffers of Melbourne city retailers. Heading back to our accommodation just in time to shower and "make ourselves beautiful" for the first official function of the week - the AAPM conference welcome reception

and the first time attendees dinner.

Day two in the "big smoke"

We started at 9.00am for the official opening of the conference then were entertained by notable speaker Mr Alan Pease (body language expert), espousing its "not what you say". Alan taught us that women can think of more than one thing at a time, and that men have a special room in his brain called the "nothing" room, which they visit frequently. He had MRI scans to prove these claims. I was most impressed and now have a deeper understanding of my husband and his inability to do more than one thing at a time!

Next speaker was Mr Jeff Kennett. I found Jeff to be brutally honest, down to earth and not afraid to speak his mind. He readily admitted to making mistakes in his career, but taught us how to "lead our way to success". After lunch we were educated about "the big 5 challenges for practices" by Mr Danny Haydon (practice manager),

before moving onto "financial management reporting – simplifying the myth". This discussion was led by Mr Brett McPherson who was voted in as the new president of AAPM at the AGM of the AAPM. See, I know my acronyms! Afternoon tea was enjoyed then we moved onto "making the most of your staff recruitment and retention program", lead by Fiona Galloway.

Day 3

We started at 9.00am and listened to a panel of experts on "big issues in practice management". We followed this with a talk on "the practice nurse of the future", lead by Belinda Caldwell. I then moved on to hear Sue Gordon speak on "making quality systems work for you - is your quality system sizzling or simmering". After listening and sharing stories I have decided that my systems are more than simmering but not quite sizzling yet. Mind you I am facing accreditation within a couple of months and no doubt by then they will be sizzling or better yet almost boiling over! After lunch we attended Mr Simon James' talk on "the practice manager's role

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in driving eHealth adoption”: by now my brain was almost in overload, but we pressed on. We were so glad we did because one of the highlights of the conference awaited us in the form of Amanda Gore. What a brilliant public speaker, entertainer and motivator she was. Amanda managed to have 700 or so attendees, most who had never met before, chatting and cuddling each other by the end of the session, leaving the plenary hall giggling and singing “always look on the bright side of life”. We skipped our way home (we were still on a high from Amanda’s speech).

Day 4

Starting again at 9.00am we heard Dr Richard Bills advise us on how to “build the practice team and measuring capacity and demand”. Morning tea followed and we moved onto Paula Robinsons talk on “unfair dismissal and your practice”. The morning was becoming quite tense as we had to run between the end of one talk down two flights of stairs to join in with the “debt management and recovery” session held by Adam Priddle. We learnt some very useful tools to use in the management of the debts within a practice and also how to avoid any debts. This was a very informative and pleasant session.

After lunch we were inspired by Dean Barton-Smith who has represented Australia at the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth games and the 1992 Olympic games as a decathlon competitor. Dean’s session was on “setting and clearing the bar -



making the impossible, possible. What an inspiration he was. Dean was the only speaker to achieve a standing ovation through the entire conference, mind you he had a massive bar to raise and clear as Dean was born deaf. I know my eyes were not the only eyes that moistened in that great hall. We then heard Dr Rohan White speak on the “diverse journey: avoiding business mistakes”, followed by Angela Mason who had “survived the battle: the Kokoda track”. This was quite an achievement too as we saw several photos of Angela walking the Kokoda track in red high heeled shoes!

My second most favourite highlight of the conference was the last speaker, Sue Watt, nurse comedian. I believe that every practice needs a “Sue Watt”. I wish we could clone her, or better still “bottle” her infectious hearty personality and inject all medical practice staff with a “dose/shot”. Friday evening saw us attend the spectacular Gala dinner. Food, facilities, entertainment and dancing were exceptional. However, the most enjoyable part of the evening for me was the opportunity to sit and share thoughts and ideas with some of the most amazingly friendly people I will ever have the pleasure of meeting.

I was so inspired, motivated and educated over the duration of the conference that I have come back to work with some brilliant ideas and a new group of friends, to help me work towards improving my role as a practice manager. To all the wonderful people I had the pleasure in meeting and connecting with in Melbourne my hearty thanks for the memories. I have set my bar high to work towards saving for the next opportunity to attend the conference in Perth in 2011, where I hope to once again meet up with my new found friends. What a journey to cram into four days, but I did it and I am very grateful to NCGPT for this amazing experience.

Article by Carol Middlebrook
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A ‘pearl’ from the GP09 conference

I attended the recent GP09 conference, generously sponsored by NCGPT, and found the conference was really good and exceeded my expectations. I would like to share some points I learned from one of the workshops:

Anaphylaxis management/allergy

We all know how difficult it is to get our patient to be seen by an allergist in the region. The waiting list is about 12-months. Anyone with history of anaphylaxis requires specialist referral. While the patient is waiting to be seen, he/she could have another life threatening reaction due to the restriction on prescribing initial Epipen by PBS. However, as the GP you could prescribe the initial authority script for Epipen by taking detailed history and faxing to a Paediatrician or allergist for verbal approval.

For severe allergic reaction, the person does not necessarily have airway or facial swelling. It can present as follows:

- generalised urticaria if it was in an adult,
- abdominal pain and vomiting in the case of insect bites.

Taking a detailed history is vitally important, including such details as the environment and activities at the time when it occurred, possible food source (important to get patient to freeze some for later testing when seeing an allergist).

You can order a demonstration Epipen from a drug company to show patients how to use and write up an action plan which can be downloaded from ascia website: www.allergy.org.au This is a very useful website for anaphylaxis and allergy related issues.

There has been some debate about allergens avoidance at a young age, particularly nuts/peanut allergy. Some are conversely advocating early exposure to avoid severe reactions. However, NHMRC has not yet endorsed this practice although a group of allergists have submitted written recommendations.

RAST following an allergic episode can be useful to help the diagnosis of the allergic reaction. However, skin prick tests have a limited role in diagnosis of anaphylaxis.

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NCGPT registrar

If you have a ‘pearl’ to share with fellow GPs, send it through to renees@ncgpt.org.au

Life in Death - creative writing piece

The title of "doctor" brings thoughts of caring for emotional and physical wellbeing, academic achievement and financial stability. Often, the creative side of medicine is overshadowed by these things. We forget that medicine, like any other career, offers many opportunities for creativity: teaching, treating, research, establishing relationships and self-care. I was privileged to attend the General Practice Education and Training Convention in Adelaide this year. The experience taught me about how doctors can bring their passions into work life to create a better environment for teaching, learning and working. It was inspiring to see so many doctors enthusiastically share their passion for music, literature and art and hear how they have used these in their line of work. I particularly enjoyed the interactive sessions which allowed all participants to explore their creative side in a supportive, and relaxed environment. During the course of the convention, I saw doctors joined together by a common passion: the love of general practice, and the art of teaching and sustaining it. Drama, poetry and music partnered with medical education to link these doctors together as they continued to pursue their passions.

This year, Dr. Hilton Koppe from North Coast GP Training, hosted a creative writing workshop which sought to give doctors the confidence to draw from their experiences and transform them into art. Many doctors were able to recall encounters with specific patients or supervisors who impacted their life and, with a little bit of direction, they courageously put pen to paper. The result was a cacophony of original pieces, all of which carried an insight into dealing with life in general practice. In addition, the workshop allowed participants an opportunity to reflect on past experiences of anger and grief, an exercise which some found to be enlightening. As a second year medical student, I did not have the same collection of patient stories to reflect on. However, I choose to focus on the experiences of the medical school and my first impressions. After the convention, I remembered my first day in the anatomy lab and our small tutorials about life and death. These experiences made my transition into medical school a journey into a deeper appreciation of life, and helped me to discover new styles of learning. The piece "Life in Death" seeks to explore some of the new perceptions presented to prospective doctors as they take their first steps into the medical world.

Life in Death

by Kristen Tee (2009)

Anxious eyes stare through the pale closed door at the unknown scene beyond it. Fingers clutch at pens as if they are frightened of losing a precious gift, and there is an almost unperceivable quiver of legs. They stand there with clipboards held as shields, dressed in the starch white uniform of naivety. The door before them is wide, plain and stony as a vault, unwilling to share even a glimpse of its treasure before the given time. There is only the quiet whisper of a few anticipative thoughts which litter the otherwise heavy air. There is a soft groan as the door yawns, mouth slightly ajar. It emits a wisp of formaldehyde which, like a taunting spirit, floats past each student and tugs at their imagination. The door is a gateway into a portrait of life, painted in the colours of death.

Finally, a gloved hand pushes the gate open so that the silver coffins are fully exposed. Dressed in the green garb of knowledge, the man looks at the crowd before him and bids them enter. The stream of white is funnelled through the gateway and directed to a silver cabinet of gloves. Sizes are picked and rubbery material pulled over bare, inexperienced hands. Then, they scatter through the room, each drawn to a different table. This is life in death, unveiled in its sections

to be studied closely and to instil a sense of wonder into those who understand its complexity. They lie apart from the whole on their silver bed, tokens of a past life, a work that has been completed.

The heart, with coronary arteries coursing round its curve, rests pale and quiet. There is no longer any need to pump with enthusiasm for the blood that once gave it life has been drained away. Still, it sits royally as an antique that was once prized, earning respect and growing in value as its stillness beats understanding into those who seek to uncover its story. Across from the heart, a gallbladder exhibits the darkened green remnants of its once rich content and the liver looms above it as if to shadow its colour with size. Beside it, anatomises mingle together in a maze of forgotten pathways, no longer sure of their direction. On the other side of the room, three heads are thrust back in a linear sequence of frozen expression. One stares sightlessly with one eye while his neighbour seeks to taste the formalin-ridden air. Beside them, a man's forehead has been sliced and extended, his brain exposed in its fragility.

In the corner, a group gathers around the partially drawn curtain. An instructor carefully removes the sheet to reveal a middle aged woman. Her cream coloured skin is

creased, not by wrinkles, but by an artificial, age-defying potion which seems to have vacuum-sealed her moral body. Her fingers are slightly curved and her nails display a dusty red polish. She is naked on the table and it seems unfitting, but she was willing to exchange a wooden coffin for this silver one. The mourners have been replaced by students who struggle to interpret her. They have not seen her move or heard her voice. They have only her still body from which they might uncover her life. Her eyes are closed and her lips pursed perpetually. They look, then they move to another part of the room, but her image remains.

Someone checks their watch. The session is over and it is time for this gallery of hidden stories to be locked away once more. The white coated people remove their gloves and wash their hands of the gallery's smell. They file out and the door is shut. White coats slide off to reveal a diverse array of materials and styles that create the individual. There is movement and the vibrant chatter of continuing life. This is how they know it now. But as time progresses, they will learn to see something else. They will learn to interpret life's other forms and find its hidden stories. The pallet of death merely provides materials to paint over life's many canvases. Once refined, the finished piece patiently awaits our interpretation.



Girdocs

On Tuesday 20th October 2009 twelve female GPs, GP registrars and other specialists met again at Paupiettes in Lismore to network, socialise and share details about their various roles in Lismore and surrounding areas.

Affectionately known as 'Girdocs, this group has now met three times and each meeting has attracted a few regulars as well as some fresh participants.

Women doctors face challenges that are different from their male colleagues, and this venue provides the group with a chance to exchange ideas and support each other.

Girdocs is proudly sponsored by NCGPT, and are thoroughly grateful for the on-going support. The next meeting is scheduled for early in 2010. Any female doctor who has not received an invitation to one of these nights, and would like to attend, is encouraged to pass on their preferred contact details to Denise Sheehan:

T: 02 6681 5711 or E: denises@ncgpt.org.au

Changes to the AGPT program in 2010 FAQs

From 1 January 2010 registrars training on the general pathway will have greater flexibility to fulfil their training placement obligations. General pathway registrars will now be able to nominate how they fulfil their 12 month training pathway obligations, by electing one of the following options:

- 12 months training in a RRMA 3-7 (soon to be known as RA2-5) location or
- 12 months training in an Outer Metropolitan location or
- Six months training in a RRMA 3-7 (RA2-5) location plus six months training in an Outer Metropolitan location

From 1 July 2010 the remoteness classification structure underpinning the pathways will change from Rural Remote Metropolitan Area (RRMA) to Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGCRA). The General training pathway will apply in Remoteness Area (RA) 1-5 locations, and the rural pathway will apply in RA 2-5 locations. Any rural training from 1 July 2010 will need to be undertaken in a RA 2-5 location.

The change to the AGPT pathway obligation rules in relation to general pathway obligations will take effect from the beginning of the 2010 training year for all commencing and continuing registrars.

Continuing general pathway registrars (2009 cohort and earlier) and 2010 cohort entry registrars that are (or will be) training with a non-capital city RTP that previously had only a six month pathway obligation (i.e. no Outer Metropolitan requirement) will still only have a six month obligation.

All general pathway registrars entering the AGPT program from 2011 onwards will have a 12 month pathway obligation that can be fulfilled in one of three ways as outlined above.

Continuing registrars (2009 cohort and earlier) who have already committed to a training placement for the first six months of the 2010 training year will be required to meet this commitment to ensure certainty of training and supervision over this period.

General pathway registrars wishing to undertake their rural training obligation as one 12 month placement will need approval from their RTP to do so for all training commencing before 1 July 2010; this is to ensure the registrars' rural obligation will still be met under both the RRMA and ASGC-RA structures, given the change to ASGC-RA commences on 1 July 2010. RTPs may consider and approve the commencement of a 12 month placement, rather than a six month placement, in either a rural or outer metropolitan location in the program.

For more information on the changes to the AGPT program in 2010, follow the link to the FAQs for the 2010 training year <http://www.agpt.com.au/NewEvents/Update/article.shtml?article=1627542000>

RSO Report from Sue Gramza

Another month has rolled on by!

Only two weeks until the results of the exam are released....fingers crossed for those who sat it this term! I'm looking forward to hearing the results.

George Forgan-Smith, Katherine Dent, Christine Ahern and myself attended an orientation evening held at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management for all new 2010 registrars on Thursday 29 October. It was great to meet the group of registrars who will be commencing with NCGPT in January - some of whom will be completing their six month rural commitment, while others are joining NCGPT full time and making a more permanent move to the north coast.

Debbie Kors will be holding a Port Macquarie supervisor-registrar social on 16 December 2009 - so mark the date in your diaries and keep your eyes peeled for more details coming soon.

If you haven't yet lodged your provider number paperwork for next term, please do so as soon as possible. If paperwork is not received by 20th November there is a good chance that you will not be eligible to begin work at the beginning of next term.

Don't forget, if you need to contact me for any reason, I can always be reached at T: 02 6681 5711 or E: sueg@ncgpt.org.au *Sue.*



RLO Report from Katherine Dent

Hi All!

George and I packed our bags this month and headed south with all the GPT1 and GPT2 registrars for the combined Sydney workshop. It was great to catch up with you all, and to get an opportunity to hear your feedback about general and personal work issues. I also hope you enjoyed seeing George walk in those heels! (See page 7). We took all of the issues on, and we would also like to have anything specific sent to us, especially if you still feel that you have concerns to voice. We are always keen to have helpers fight with us on National Issues, especially if you are personally affected.

There's good news for all New Zealand residents who graduate from medicine in Australia and decide to stay: new legislation introduced by Nicola Roxon will excuse them from the compulsory 10-year moratorium. This legislation, if passed through parliament, will also see the 10-yr moratorium begin as soon as a GP is registered in Australia as opposed to when they become a permanent resident or citizen. Fantastic news, steps forward, keep your eyes on the headlines!

So, for the next month, there are a few things to remember:

1. North Coast GP Training is running a GPT3 workshop at the end of the year - the program has been sent out by email (contact Denise if you haven't received it). Please RSVP by the 20th November.
2. The survey for GPRA on Minimum Terms and Conditions - please try and complete this. GPRA is gathering information nationally to help with our next round of negotiation with supervisors on minimum terms and conditions.

Have a good month!

George

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ME Update from Christine Ahern

Hello again everyone!

Our very first accreditation for the PGPPP program occurred at Coffs Harbour Hospital and Toormina Medical Centre (TMC) in early October. NCGPT staff were on hand to give support and learn what the process would entail. Two surveyors from the NSW Institute of Medical Education and Training (IMET) inspected both sites and questioned relevant personnel about important aspects of the program.

In particular they were interested in how the host practice, TMC, would handle the relative inexperience of the RMO1 candidates in a GP setting. Dr Ian Arthur and his colleagues as well as practice staff reassured the visitors that while it was a new program for the practice, much thought had been given to orientation, teaching and supervision. We await the final report but felt confident that the accreditation visit went very well.

Christine Ahern (NCGPT), Dr Ian Arthur (TMC), Annette Britton (IMET), Annette Tognela (IMET) and Kayte Evans (NCGPT).



Senses and Sensibilities conference dinner and masked ball... who's hiding behind the masks?!

The Senses and Sensibilities conference, a collaboration between Northern Rivers UDRH, North Coast Medical Education Collaborative (NCMEC), Tweed Valley General Practice Network and NCGPT, rolled out successfully on the weekend of 24th and 25th October 2009. As the name suggests, the conference concentrated mainly on the various "sense" organs and their functions, providing new information for medical students, and an important opportunity to update for GP registrars, GPs and practice nurses.

Some highlights included a demonstration of skin allergy testing, an approach to RAST testing under the new medicare pathology rebate changes, and an update on audiology, in the workshop series. A personal highlight was a presentation on food allergy, differentiating allergy, food intolerance and coeliac disease and giving a clear and sensible approach to diagnosis. Unfortunately the presentation did not cover management. That is on the program for next year! The final highlight was the conference dinner and masked ball which was a fantastic success!

GPT1 and GPT2 (formerly known as basic and advanced) registrars attended the October Combined Workshop with registrars from Valley to Coast and GP Synergy. I would like to thank our RLOs George and Katherine for their invaluable help in the "Falls" role play that accompanied my presentation on Osteoporosis and Fracture Risk. It is fantastic to see the next generation practicing their education skills so effectively!

We also took the opportunity while in Sydney to meet and greet our new cohort of registrars coming to the region next term. Some are rural rotators, and many are our own. It is wonderful to reflect that due to the recent changes, our rural pathway registrars will soon be able to complete all of their training in Port Macquarie and Lismore.

Attention all GPT3 (formerly known as subsequent) registrars! You should have received an invitation to the inaugural GPT3 workshop to be conducted in the Byron hinterland on 12th December 2009. This workshop will give participants a chance to reflect on "where to from here" as well as try out their very own teaching styles! Here is your chance to show the medical educators how they should be doing it. If successful we will be taking this workshop across the region. In the meantime, all GPT3 registrars are welcome with accommodation provided and travel reimbursed. Don't miss out!



The ever so clumsy Maisy (Forgan-Smith)!

Preparations are also underway for the Life Stages in Coffs Harbour, and the final two half day releases for the year.

Medical Educators will be meeting to 'hone' next year's program, based on years of collective experience and feedback from registrars and supervisors. So thank you for your input, and your ongoing support.

Remember if you have any questions regarding the NCGPT training program please contact me.

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Conferences and Workshops

Don't miss the opportunity to attend an RACGP CEMP workshop

Brisbane (Advanced 28–29 November)

The one-day Intermediate and two-day Advanced Clinical Emergency Management™ Program workshops have been designed to build the knowledge, skills and confidence of participants when responding to medical emergencies. For more information visit www.racgp.org.au/cem or contact the RACGP T: 1800 284 732 or E: gpeducation@racgp.org.au

Support Scheme for Rural Specialists - Professional Communications Skills Course, Sydney, 19 November 2009

The Support Scheme for Rural Specialists (SSRS) is aimed at rural specialist medical practitioners who are required to effectively communicate with patients and colleagues. The course addresses professional and communication skills required for effective interaction with patients and colleagues. Topics covered include communicating effectively in the workplace, negotiation skills and conflict management, teamwork and leadership, breaking bad news to patients following adverse events and open disclosure. Participants will participate in simulations with actors. For more details contact T: 02 9926 4616 E: jgreem@nscchahs.health.nsw.gov.au or visit www.scssc.edu.au

Certificate in Primary Care Skin Cancer Medicine, Sydney, 21-22 November 2009

Suitable for GPs or healthcare professionals with an interest in skin cancer medicine. For more information contact Christine T: 07 3137 1399 or visit www.healthcert.com.au

ACRRM Medical Education Workshop, Brisbane, 23-27 November 2009

For registrars on the Independent Pathway, there are a very limited number of spaces available for all other registrars training towards FACRRM. Registrars should send an expression of interest for workshop attendance to E: training@acrrm.org.au or contact Amarjit Tanda, Program Coordinator (Vocational Preparation and RVTS Pathways) Vocational Training and Assessment T: 07 3105 8200

NSW Institute of Psychiatry: Supporting Recovery from Mental Illness, Sydney, 1 December 2009

This one-day workshop explores what is meant by “recovery” in the context of mental health problems? What is the difference between recovery and rehabilitation? What has citizenship got to do with recovery? What supports and interventions are available? Where do symptom management and medication fit? How is recovery experienced by people with mental health problems? What helps and what hinders recovery?

For more information contact Amelia Hatch E: amelia.hatch@nswiop.nsw.edu.au or visit www.nswiop.nsw.edu.au

PLANNING FOR 2010

Pain Management Multidisciplinary short course, Sydney, 8-11 February and 15 - 18 February 2009

This two week short course at Royal North Shore Hospital is designed for professionals with an interest in learning about current views and approaches to the assessment and management of pain. More information is available from the Pain Management Research Institute www.pmri.med.usyd.edu.au or contact Helen Johnston T: 02 9926 8423

Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health Beginners to Intermediate CBT Workshops, Byron Bay

15-19 February 2010 - Starting out or doing a bit of CBT?

19-23 April - Basic to Intermediate skills in CBT

17-21 May - Starting out or doing a bit of CBT?

For more information visit the CBT website www.cbtraining.com.au or contact the NRUDRH T: 02 6620 7570

Advanced Life Support, Port Macquarie, 20-21 February 2010

For more information contact A+A Training Australia T: 0427 774 851 E: craig.beamish@aatl.com

6th Australian update on HIV in Children and Families, Sydney, 25-26 February 2010

For more information contact Larissa Mackey T: 02 9382 1654 E: larissa.mackey@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov

17th Annual Women's Health Conference, Gold Coast, 26-28 February 2010

For more information visit http://www.whers.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/whers_broch2010.pdf or contact Julie Buchan T: 07 4320 4771

Beyond the Medical Record: creative writing retreat for doctors, Lennox Head, 12-14 March 2010

The workshop is being run by North Coast GP Training and will allow participants an opportunity to experience the use of stories and writing as a means of helping them to make better sense of what it means to be a doctor. For further details or to obtain a conference program and registration form visit www.ncgpt.org.au/beyond or contact Denise Sheehan T: 02 6681 5711 or E: denises@ncgpt.org.au

date claimer: your training calendar

18 November	9.00am	Aged Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Port Macquarie
19 November	9.00am	Aged Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Ballina
27 November	9.00am	Aged Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Coffs Harbour
9 December	9.00am	Palliative Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Port Macquarie
12 December	9.00am	GPT3 (subsequent) Workshop One-day workshop GPT3 registrars	Byron Hinterland
17 December	9.00am	Palliative Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Ballina
18 December	9.00am	Palliative Care Half day release GPT1 and GPT2 registrars	Coffs Harbour

free podcasts

Aged Care

ABC National Radio: mind your mind - Alzheimer's disease

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/allinthemind/stories/2006/1628982.htm>

University of Melbourne Up Close Podcast

Alzheimer's disease: predictors and early intervention

<http://upclose.unimelb.edu.au/episode/141>

AFP: Reducing vision loss in chronic eye disease

http://www.racgp.org.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=AFP_Podcasts&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=34523

Palliative Care

Palliative Care Victoria Podcasts

<http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au/-pepa/podcasts>

ABC Radio Rear Vision: Palliative Care

<http://blog.livingyears.com/2009/11/03/palliativecare/>

Of interest

International Program of Psycho-Social Health Research (IPP-SHR)

Fear of the unknown: supporting patients who are facing radiation therapy

<http://www.ipp-shr.cqu.edu.au/podcasts/?id=86>

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Great minds in medical research

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/podcasts/greatminds.htm>

