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MEDICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Inaugural two day MCCC Medical Educator Conference - 11 & 12 August

Our first MCCC-wide Medical Education conference will soon be held at Creswick. This event is being developed by Karen Aarons from the North West who holds the professional development portfolio in our Med Ed team. Over the course of two days members of the Med Ed team will focus on opportunities for building teamwork and collaboration across the MCCC region, identify best ways to ensure consistency of policies and procedures, share resources to enhance the quality of registrar training and be invited to network through ME portfolio subgroups. Like to know more? Contact Sue Porter (sue.porter@mccc.com.au) regarding travel/logistics or Karen Aarons (Karen.aaron@mccc.com.au) regarding ME content.

MCCC contributing to GPTEC 2016

With GPTEC 2016 fast approaching, a small team has been working hard in the background to deliver on the '*Embracing the Future*' conference theme.

MCCC has been involved through the work of **Dr Paul Grinzi** (MW Medical Educator). Paul has been actively involved for the past few months helping prepare GPTEC's Digital Cafe - a site where conference attendees can meet, recharge their devices and network with other MEs who have embraced the digital future.

The Digital Cafe will show short educational videos (called Pecha Kuchas) produced by GPs. If you don't know what this is, or how to produce one, MCCC's Dr Paul Grinzi will be running a workshop at GPTEC16 on this very topic. Come along to learn a new skill! Look out also for the Digital Cafe's roving reporter - a GP registrar who will be capturing short pithy interviews of attendees which will be collated and released as a series of podcasts

for all to share - if you see him coming, don't be shy, get involved and be part of this new evolving resource. Members of the Digital Cafe planning group are all active members of the Facebook group 'GPs Down Under'. Once again, come along to the Digital Cafe and meet fellow 'GPDU'ers face-t-face, or join this group of 2000+ GPs from around Australia. The Digital Cafe will be a very social zone = drop in a say "hi", but be warned, you may not want to leave.

Congrats to these members of the MCCC Med Ed team who will be selected to present at the upcoming GPTEC 2016 national conference.

- **Paul Grinzi and Ed Poliness:** Medicare mayhem
- **Tim Clement** : Protected teaching time in GP training – opening up the 'black box'
- **Ed Poliness** and a team from the South West: Miami Advice (on the Gold Coast).

TIP: Follow the MCCC website and Facebook page for GPTEC updates.

Join the MCCC Med Ed team !

We are calling for expressions of interest for additional Medical Educators in our NW region. If you know someone who may be interested in joining our Med Ed team, please contact Rachel Lee (rachel.lee@mccc.com.au) or Linda Moon (linda.moon@mccc.com.au)

GP REGISTRAR UPDATE

Indigenous Fellowship Excellence Program

RACGP invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP Registrars to be part of the 2016 Indigenous Fellowship Excellence Program. Held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August 2016, this two day program will offer you more than insight into exam preparation. It is also focused on supporting you through your journey in general practice.

Register now by emailing:
aboriginalhealth@racgp.org.au

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Welcome to our new GP Registrars

Welcome to the twenty GP registrars who are joining our mid year training intake. These GP registrars will attend a whole of MCCC orientation and initial assessment this week in Ballarat. Each sub-region will be represented at this important training event.

PRACTICE SUPPORT

New youth mental health resources

A new online training in youth mental health was recently launched and is available through RACGP via [gplearning/youth mental health GPMHST](http://gplearning/youth-mental-health-GPMHST).

The Headspace website also offers a new clinical tool kit for managing common mental health conditions in young people, with live links to helpful resources, overview of current evidence based management. It is available at www.headspace.org.au/clinical-toolkit. Thanks to **Dr Chriss Sasse** from Headspace Bendigo for sharing news of these resources

Helping you get on board with Pivotal

MCCC has produced a series of quick reference guides to help people use Pivotal, MCCC's online training platform.

Use the MyMCCC button on our website to access simple, user friendly guides in the resources section -

<http://www.mccc.com.au/mymccc/resources>

We will continue to produce new guides and make them available through workshops, email, MEL and the MCCC website. We will also visit individual practices to help familiarise you with Pivotal and understand the issues.

Please let us know about any issues by using these emails: mel@mccc.com.au and pivotal@mccc.com.au MCCC will use responses received to develop a useful FAQ section on our website and direct issues to the appropriate person for resolution.

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Monash University is seeking GPs who can contribute to a study that aims to increase the uptake of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs) amongst Australian women. The study involves training GPs to provide 'LARC First' structured contraceptive counselling and implementing rapid referral pathways to allow women to access timely LARC insertion. Participants will receive online training and complete questionnaires and data collection forms. GPs will receive 40 Category One RACGP Quality Assurance and Continuing Professional Development points and \$500 for time spent on the study. Contacts: Catriona Rowe and Catherine Savage on 9902 4945 / 9902 4583 or med.accord@monash.edu

Introduction to Point of care ultrasound for rural GPs - Saturday September 3 2016 @ RACGP Head Office Melbourne

RACGP Rural is running an introductory ultrasound course for rural GPs. You will have hands-on practice with GE point of care ultrasound equipment guided by expert sonographers. Cost is \$440. Approved for RPGP for all categories. Approved for RACGP QI&CPD 40 Category 1 points

Contact: Janine McCoy, Rural Education Coordinator. E: janine.mccoy@racgp.org.au T: 03 8699 0568

Rural Extended and Advanced Skills Posts

MCCC and EVGPT recently met with RWAV and Department to discuss the management of the Rural Medical Workforce programs.

Regional Advisory Groups will be formed in three spots within our region and meet for one hour every six months to discuss local training needs. This is an important step to develop consistency across the State and create a level playing field with funding.

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REGIONAL ROUND UP

Metro West: The Metro West team hosted 85 Supervisors at the GP Supervisor workshop held at Melbourne Zoo on 22 July. The theme of the day was “*Create, Innovate, Nurture*”, with memorable keynote addresses from **Drs Hilton Koppe** and **Tim Leeuwenberg**. Not even the inclement Melbourne weather could dampen the creativity and inspiration of the day! Visit the MCCC website for a gallery of images from the day.

North East: Well done to NE Medical Educator, **Dr Angela Stratton**, and recently Felloved GP Registrar, **Dr Anoop Pem**, safely delivered a baby at Falls Creek Medical Centre in the midst of near blizzard conditions on the mountain. Read more at the MCCC Facebook page.

North West: Welcome to the eleven GPs from North West who attended our New Supervisor workshop on Saturday 30 July. The North West team is progressively hosting a series of evening workshops with Supervisors followed by breakfast meetings with Practice Managers. This approach is proving to be an effective way to build professional development without encroaching on practice time. The first of our series covered Administration including Pivotal, MEL, In-practice teaching, and communication. We will hold two further workshops and meetings in Bendigo, Ballarat, Woodend, Mildura and Echuca. Check the MCCC website for dates and details. Reminder: Please register for the upcoming Practice Managers workshop on 23 & 24 August.

South West: A very successful Supervisor and Practice Manager workshop was held at Dunkeld on 29 & 30 July. SMEs **Marg Garde** and **Eldon Lyon** led a team of presenters who covered many topical issues, including an informative session focussed on use of Pivotal and MEL, MCCC'S online learning platform which contains valuable information

for Supervisors, Registrars and Practice Managers. The group was encouraged to use email to highlight any issues: mel@mccc.com.au and pivotal@mccc.com.au MCCC will use responses received to develop a useful FAQ section on our website and direct issues to the appropriate person for resolution. Well done to **Merryn Smith** for organising a two day orientation and initial assessment for 20 GP registrars who are joining MCCC's mid year intake.

COMING UP

24 & 25 November: MCCC Training Operations and Corporate Services professional development activity

TIP: Visit the [calendar](#) on the MCCC website for dates of upcoming workshops and events.