



Three rural students received grants from GP down south to assist with costs associated with university study in 2009



This was made possible by a decision made by the Staff and Board of GP down south, that instead of Christmas hampers to Practices we would put the money toward Rural Student Grants. As this was such a huge success we have decided that this would be repeated again this year.

Annual General Meeting

Over the last few years GP down south has created a tradition of holding the AGM in a regional area. This gives members an opportunity to meet with the Board and discuss any issues and areas of interest.

This year the meeting will be held in Bridgetown, we are looking forward to sharing the AGM and dinner with GPs from the region.

Date: Tuesday 24th November 2009,

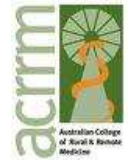
Time: 6.00pm onwards followed by Dinner

Venue: Red Panda 122 Hampton Rd Bridgetown

Members will receive their formal invitation in the coming weeks. To register your interest or for more information please contact GP down south on 9581 3352 or email:

sharono@gpdownsouth.com.au

GP Mentors Needed.



Can you mentor a John Flynn student for 2 weeks per year over 4 years?
(timing of placements by mutual agreement).

The John Flynn Placement Program (JFPP) is managed by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM). 4 – 7 Doctors are needed each year to provide clinical mentoring for JFPP students, keen for rural and remote experience.

GP Rewards:

- Satisfaction of passing on your expertise and understanding of rural/remote medicine.
- Opportunity to play a vital role in addressing the rural medical crisis.
- \$300 per week per student.
- ACRRM PDP and RACGP QA&CPD points for teaching

Email: ACRRM jfpp@acrrm.org.au **JFPP Interest WA** in the subject line

Or call Jessica Cross on 1800 231 231.



Wavelength has a doctor looking for work in WA. His qualifications are MB BCh Ireland 2002, MICGP 2007. He is currently working as a GP in Ireland. He is happy with performing Minor Surgery and enjoys cosmetic medicine and dermatology.

As a junior doctor this GP worked in Brisbane for a few months. He is now ready to relocate on a long-term basis with a view to staying permanently.

This doctor will be travelling on his own and will be available to start a new position in February 2010. He is looking to sign a 12 months contract initially with a view to extend. This GP is entitled to charge VR rates.

Please note that this VR GP requires District of Workforce Shortage (DWS).

For more information please call (quote 56610)

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Peel GPs, Practice Nurses and Diabetic Educators

An Interactive Type II Diabetes Workshop

- ◆ ABI Dopplers and lower leg vascular status
- ◆ Monofilament and tendon hammer top access neuropathy
- ◆ Application of compression therapy.

Date: 28th October 2009

Venue: Peel Health Campus

Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm



Supper provided

For more information please contact
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General Practitioner

seeking employment within the Mandurah area. Graduate of University Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa and currently employed in Queensland. Excellent references. Available from February 2010. Contact Helen at mediSun on 0405 161954.

mediSun is a Perth-based locum agency, co-ordinating short and long-term placements of medical practitioners, for both hospitals and general practices throughout Australia/New Zealand



The Royal Flying Doctor Service and Emergency Departments are running a diagnostic evaluation of the operational readiness of remote location medical staff in Mass Casualty Incidents.

This survey has been generated to assess the systemic demographics, training and operational awareness of potential first responders in a remote disaster situation. It will give RFDS a picture of how prepared we really are.

This survey is fully de-identified and will only take around 10 minutes and is targeted to medical staff who works outside the metro area

Please click on the following web link to complete the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yfAOWp3gFIIdD3Gip5tF_2bxw_3d_3d



If you are unable to open the survey please contact Gill at the Busselton Office on 9754-3362 for a copy.

For more info on this survey please contact Dr Rahul Gowwami RFDS Western Operation on email: Rahul.Goswami@rfdswa.com.au

Canning Tool: Are you using the right version?

The Canning Tool is being enhanced in leaps and bounds to stay up-to-date with national programs and developments. Below is a guide to the version that may be best for you.

Version 4.1

GP down south now requires this as the **lowest version** for practices to be using. This version provides you data extractions for diabetes, coronary heart disease, pap smear that meet National Performance Indicators. It also has the 2008 APCC measures for diabetes and CHD.

Version 4.3

All practices with compatible clinical software (MD, Practix, Med Tech, Best Practice and Medical Spectrum) may find the new **HPV Vaccination Module** useful. This module will extract all women aged 18-26 and tell you how many doses of the Vaccination they have had (and when). The Canning Tool then allows you to filter patients by set criteria, export patients' names and addresses to Excel and use this as a mail merge for reminder letters. Remember the free HPV program concludes at the end of the year.

MD 2 and MD 3 users only may also benefit from an increased range of extractions in line with the **new APCC measures**. This includes a greater range of extractions relating to diabetic patients, coronary heart disease patients, and patients with COPD. For example find out the percentage of your diabetic patients that have the annual cycle of care elements completed and then use the Tool to identify these elements for each patient on your register. You can also see the current smoking status of all your practices active patients.

Version 4.xx

Future releases of the Tool, expected within the next 6 months, will provide access to the new APCC measures for other clinical software programs.

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