

G E HIGH- LIGHTS

2016





473

Registrars overall

9-8
29-8

133

New doctors commenced with GPEX

10

Awards won by GPEX registrars, supervisors and practice managers

199

Workshops held throughout the year across South Australia

10

Training hubs

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Fellowed registrars

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97.5%

Average pass rate by GPEX registrars in the Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) set by the RACGP

171

Practices and Practice Managers

414

Supervisors

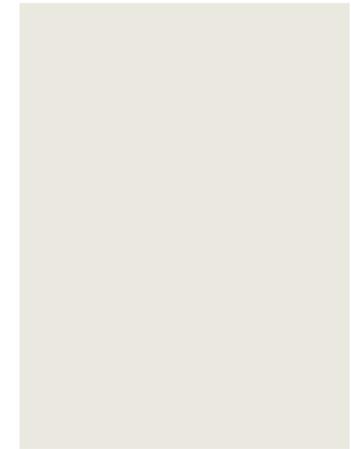
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Total full time equivalent (FTE) training weeks provided

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Raised by staff toward five charitable initiatives



INDIGENOUS HEALTH

by Dr James Cafaro

Aboriginal health placements have always been highly sought after for the educational, professional and cultural development they provide to doctors. I am fortunate enough to be completing an Aboriginal health placement at the Noarlunga Aboriginal Family Practice and have found the experience so rewarding that I will be continuing this placement into GPT3.



The Aboriginal health placement has provided me with a number of opportunities, which can only be attributed to the wonderful community I am now happy to be a part of.

First and foremost has been the opportunity to professionally develop my clinical practice. Aboriginal health is often challenging for the complexity of chronic disease it encompasses and often requires shrewd judgement in the triage and development of management plans, ensuring not to overburden the patient with treatment. Every day has been just as interesting as the last, and the prospect of new, active and at times advanced disease is always looming, adding to the diversity and difficulty of every day practice in this clinic.

I have been fortunate enough to work with a dedicated team of Aboriginal health workers, nurses and social workers in a truly multidisciplinary approach. Aboriginal health has a tendency to attract wonderfully skilled allied health clinicians and they have all played a part in my development in this training post. It is easy to be energised by the enthusiasm this team brings each day.

The most striking part of this placement are the patients. The development of strong therapeutic bonds is integral in the Aboriginal culture and highlights the strength of general practice in developing connectedness with the community. Trust and community acceptance can be measured through word of mouth and eclipses most social media as you begin to treat patients generationally.

In developing my cultural awareness, I had the opportunity to partake in home visits, palliative care and most rewarding, cultural healing, with a visit to a Nungkari clinic. Witnessing the traditional custodians of the land drawing on energy to practice an ancient form of healing was sobering and accentuated the importance of holistic care amongst the community and also prevailed to me the power the land continues to play in Aboriginal culture.

This placement has proven to be rewarding in so many ways and I can only encourage each registrar to consider even the briefest post in Aboriginal health. It is truly a unique sub-specialty of general practice in its own right and like myself, you might find yourself coming back for more.

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