

# Supervisor Update

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## Practice Cost Study

In 2008 GPET commissioned a study on the costs and benefits for practices associated with the provision of vocational training for the AGPT program. An initial analysis has illustrated that response rates in some locations across Australia (particular RRMA 5-7) were low and may under represent the situation in those regions. A gap analysis has been completed and a second cut-down and targeted survey will be undertaken in March 2009 aimed at boosting the response rate in these areas. Details of the study will be considered at the April 2009 GPET board meeting. For more information contact [Rebecca Nolan](#), Manager Program Analysis and Workforce.

## Executive Appointment – Senior Medical Adviser (SMA)

The search is on for a suitably qualified and experienced professional to fill the important role of Senior Medical Adviser at GPET. The principal objectives of the position are to provide strategic and operational policy advice in relation to GPET's medical education and training initiatives and the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program; oversee and manage aspects of the medical education program and specific projects; and liaise with the medical education community and other stakeholders. Visit [www.agpt.com.au](http://www.agpt.com.au) to source the job description, selection criteria and additional information, or contact [Jane Martin](#), Manager Human Resources and Corporate.

**Applications close 16 March 2009.**

## Victorian bushfires response – access to support services

GPET has arranged for IPS Worldwide to provide trauma debriefing and counselling support for all RACGP and ACRRM registrars, supervisors and their staff in the bushfire affected areas of Victoria. This service is offered as an emergency response initiative, with the costs borne by GPET. The service will be reviewed in May 2009 in consultation with relevant RTP CEOs. RACGP members should note that a service agreement between IPS and the RACGP already exists and can be accessed by RACGP members in accordance with the GP support information available through the RACGP website at <http://www.racgp.org.au/gpsupport>.

### Contacting IPS Worldwide:

Face to face and telephone counselling bookings can be made by phoning 1300 366 789 between 8.15am and 6.00pm. Callers must request to access the Employment Assistance Program (EAP) for GPET. ACRRM members will need to identify themselves as ACRRM.

For emergencies outside of normal business hours please call the after hours crisis line 1800 451 138. Visit IPS Worldwide at <http://www.eap.com.au/> and [www.agpt.com.au](http://www.agpt.com.au) for further information and to access the relevant contact details.

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