

GPET Update

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GPET Board Meeting, 30 January 2009

GP Compass model gets thumbs up

The GPET Board agreed to support a new initiative aimed at increasing the exposure of pre-vocational doctors to general practice in the hospital setting. The GP Compass model will target hospital based doctors, creating a collegiate network to communicate and promote the benefits and features of general practice as a career. The model is a logical step from the successful General Practice Student Network program that commenced in 2008 in the medical school sector.

RTP Contract Briefings about to kick off

An extensive program of board briefings will kick off in February on the proposed contracts for the 2010-12 triennium between GPET and RTPs for the delivery of the AGPT program. The briefings will facilitate discussion between GPET and RTP boards on the crucial agreements that will shape the nature of AGPT program delivery beyond 2009.

Stakeholder Forum created

The existing GPET Consultative Group will be replaced by an annual 'GPET Stakeholder Forum' likely to be held in conjunction with the GPET Convention. Currently active Consultative Group participant organisations will be invited to participate in the Forum, along with the RACGP, ACRRM, and additional participants.

AGPT Applicants Survey 2009 cohort

GPET recently conducted a survey of applicants for entry into the AGPT program in 2009. Survey results were based on 389 valid responses (44% response rate) and indicated an increase in applicants who choose general practice as their first speciality choice. It appears PG years 1 to 3 are when most applicants make their career choice citing family, peers and role models as their main influencers.

Senior Medical Advisor moves onto new challenges

Current GPET Senior Medical Advisor, Dr Jane Cook, has taken an exciting new opportunity with the Therapeutic Goods Administration, based in Canberra. Jane will be missed by GPET staff and we wish her all the best. A search for a replacement for Jane is underway.

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