



Remote Vocational Training Scheme

Supervisor News August 08

Dear RVTS supervisors,

RVTS News

Congratulations to Dr Russ Thompson and Dr John Robson on passing the RACGP exam, Dr Jennifer Catelan for passing the ACRRM MCQ and Dr Rod Martin for success in the ACRRM MCQ and StAMPs assessment.

Teletutorials

The exam group has continued to meet during the mid-semester break and registrars are working towards their exams in September. The other groups have had a break and restart this week, 31 July, with case presentations from Peter Bennett and Andrew Wilke. The schedule for August is:

Group 1: Registrars enrolled before 2008

Date	Topic	Presenter	Facilitator
7/8/08	Breast cancer	Steven Hayes	Louise Baker
14/08/08	Case presentation	Dan Harris	Susan Wearne
21/08/08	Forensic medicine	Morris O'Dell	Pat Giddings
28/08/08	GPET conference		

Group 2: Registrars enrolled in 2008

Date	Topic	Presenter	Facilitator
7/8/08	Mental health	Louise Stone	TBC
14/08/08	Case presentation	Andrei Schapov	Trudi Cullinan
21/08/08	Lethargy	John Murtagh	Louise Baker
28/08/08	GPET conference		

Supervisor's Teaching Tips - try YouTube for teaching practical skills at a distance

Competence at practical skills is key for remote practitioners, hence our emphasis on procedures at our workshops. But what do you do when your registrar needs to complete a practical skill for the first time, or the first time in a long time, and evacuation or other help is not an option? The traditional method is combining an illustrated text book - such as the CRANA procedures manual or Murtagh's practice tips, with telephone advice.

Now many Universities are putting up videos of procedures on YouTube. So if you do need to teach a skill remotely, it's worth looking for examples to talk through with your registrar. OK, you do get some rubbish too - I've just discovered there is a rock band called Lumbar Puncture - but for a quick refresher on the procedure and different circumstances, such as giving chemo intra-theccally, I found plenty of useful short clips. <http://au.youtube.com/>

That's all for the month - don't forget to put 17-21 November in your diary for our Melbourne workshop and get in touch with me if you have any supervisor related requests, queries or suggestions.

Cheers, Susan

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