



# DISCIPLINE OF GENERAL PRACTICE TEACHING NEWSLETTER

November 2015

*The end of another academic year is approaching rapidly. Our students learn a great deal from their time in general practice. A sincere thanks to all the GP teachers and practice staff who continue to make our students welcome in their practices, and provide wonderful learning opportunities and teaching.*

*We are delighted to invite all general practitioners to our **GP Teachers Evening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at Herston. The program includes presentations from Mieke about her research with GP Registrars, and from Dr Jennifer Schafer, the Director of the Medical Programme, about general practitioner leadership. We will showcase one of our students undertaking a Management Case examination, and invite you to give him or her feedback. These annual evenings provide us all with an opportunity to share our experiences and ideas about teaching in general practice.*

*On another note, we are very sad to be farewelling Associate Professor Marie-Louise Dick and Dr Drew Moore at the end of the year, both of whom have made outstanding contributions to the Discipline and the School of Medicine over many years.*

*Associate Professor Nancy Sturman, the Academic Coordinator for the GP Rotation, will be taking some leave from early next year to pursue further studies. Dr David King will be acting in some of her GP Rotation roles during this time.*

*We look forward to seeing you at our GP Teachers Evening. Keep an eye out for our flier!*

*Professor Mieke van Driel,  
Head of Discipline*

*Associate Professor Nancy Sturman,  
Academic Coordinator*

## Featured Profile: Dr Dodd Denton



Dr G. Dodd Denton, MD MPH, directs the general practice clerkship at the University of Queensland's Ochsner Clinical School in New Orleans. He has been instrumental in developing a very successful General Practice Rotation in New Orleans, which has resulted in a record number of our US graduates choosing general practice careers.

Dodd received his MD degree from the University of Mississippi, and his MPH from Johns Hopkins University. He completed residency training at the National Naval Medical Center, and spent 23 years as a US Navy physician, retiring as a Captain in 2012. Dodd received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in 2012, and was awarded the Chipper Griffith Educational Research award in 2010 and the Louis Pangaro Education Program Development award in 2013.

His active research interests in undergraduate medical education are wide-ranging, principally focused on best practices in outpatient medical education, including the contribution of the humanities. He has given multiple invited regional, national and international presentations on education and faculty development.

He is also the current national President of the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine.

## UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND GP TEACHER EVENING

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015,  
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

Level 8 Health Sciences Building,  
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Herston.  
For more details, email Heather McMaster  
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## 2015 Dates

Final Third Year GP rotation: 21<sup>st</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> November

GP Teachers Evening: **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

## 2016 GP Rotation Dates

11<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> May

16<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> July

18<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> September

19<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> November

## Congratulations Camp Hill Healthcare

One of our longstanding teaching practices, Camp Hill Healthcare, has been awarded "RACGP Queensland Practice of the Year". We congratulate Dr Ian Williams and his team on this recognition of their outstanding contributions to our profession. We are very proud of our collaborations in teaching and research.

### GENERAL PRACTITIONER TEACHING TIPS

I often suggest the student observe the patient walking in and make diagnoses based on their observations e.g. gait disturbance, skin colour, discomfort.

Don't leave the students sitting in a corner – involve them.

Discuss about post-MBBS life/specialty training tips/different specialties, what they are really about. I found not many students have much idea... and they appreciate that very much.

### STUDENTS' GENERAL PRACTICE EVALUATIONS

What I liked most:

- seeing patients on my own and doing procedures.
- taking a history with my GP watching to provide feedback.
- seeing patients again and again; seeing improvement.

I honestly want to go back. Definitely made me open to being a GP if I can be in a practice like that!



NSW Christmas Bush

*DGP would like to thank all GPs and practice staff for hosting our UQ medical students in 2015, and for their commitment to teaching.*

*We wish you and your families, a happy and safe festive season.*

## ACADEMIC TITLE HOLDERS FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER TEACHERS

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