

Reminder

Southern GP Training RACGP Fellowship Exam

Workshop, Warrnambool **27-28 January 2012**. Spaces are limited so please book early by contacting Angela Beilby angela.beilby@sgpt.com.au

Southern GP Training AMC & Fellowship OSCE workshops 2012 - *The next scheduled workshop will be Sat Feb 4- 2012 in Ballarat.*

AFP number one in readership survey

The 2011 Medical Publishers Association readership survey results show that Australian Family Physician is number one among GPs, with greater readership than all other medical tabloids and journals. This publication is recommended when preparing for your Fellowship exams as well as reference for your every day CME. Visit www.racgp.org.au/afp

Managing patients with Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

The Australian Lung Foundation has released a new resource designed for GPs managing patients with COPD. Stepwise Management of Stable COPD is a one page graphic summary of evidence based management interventions for COPD, according to level of severity. To access this and other COPD resources for general practice, visit www.lungfoundation.com.au/professional-resources.

Have you heard of DISQ? (Doctors Interpersonal Skills Questionnaire)

DISQ is a tool which a lot of GPs, GP registrar and other health professionals are using to get feedback on their interpersonal skills during their every day consultations. DISQ has been recognised by Regional Training Providers (RTP) as an important learning tool for GP registrars. For those preparing for their RACGP exam the feedback from this program will provide valuable direct confidential patient feedback. To answer all your questions regarding DISQ go to <http://www.cfepsurveys.com.au/products/CPD-and-PDP/doctors-interpersonal-skills.aspx> For the doctors who have exam preparation funding, DISQ can be financed through this funding please contact Tina Wilde to see if funding is available.

Patient centred care - Are international medical graduates 'expert novices'?

Reprinted from Australian Family Physician Vol. 40, No. 11, November 2011. This article regarding the patient centred consultation which the RACGP exam is based on is worth a read. Go to <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/201111/201111dahm.pdf>

ABC book series

Don't forget to check out the ABC books series, with over 60 titles in print, a list of titles can be found at <http://www.abcbookseries.com/>. These are a great resource especially the dermatology book.

Certificate of attendance for the IMG OSCE workshops

IMG - OSCE Workshops are finished for 2011. Anyone who would like a certificate of attendance as proof of working towards AMC clinical exam for exam enrollment purposes or as proof of preparation for Fellowship for AHPRA – Medical Board purposes, we will be able to provide a certificate of attendance. This certificate will show the workshops attended and that you are actively preparing the AMC or Fellowship exam. Please contact Tina Wilde t.wilde@westvicdiv.asn.au to organise if required.

Exam enrolment dates

Enrolments for RACGP's 2012.2 exams will commence early in 2012. Visit the [RACGP website](http://www.racgp.org.au) for more information.

The ACRRM exam enrolment deadlines for 2012 are: MSF (anytime), miniCEX (13 January or 8 July), MCQ (5 December 2011 or 6 July 2012), StAMPS (3 February or 17 August). Visit the [ACRRM website](http://www.acrrm.org.au) for exam dates.

2011.2 Exam results now out

To all those that have now obtained Fellowship with the RACGP congratulations. For those still working through the process, don't forget there is support out there and it is never too early to commence preparing.

This is the last newsletter for 2011 thank you all for your support throughout the year.

We hope that you have a wonderful time over the holiday season. See you in 2012.

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