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2007 Annual Scientific Meeting

August 31 - September 2
Geraldton
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THE MIDWEST GP NETWORK, in association with our cornerstone partners, is proud to host the inaugural Rural Clinical School of Western Australia Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held in Geraldton Western Australia over the weekend of August 31st to September 2nd 2007.

To be opened by the **THE HON JIM A MCGINTY BA BJuris(Hons) LLB JP MLA, Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs**, the theme of the meeting is the Rural Generalist Pathway and its relevance to doctors, nurses, health students and health systems. There will be a number of procedural and non-procedural workshops held, as well as a number of presentations from doctors from around the world.

The meeting will be held in the brand new state-of-the-art Technology Hall at the Geraldton Grammar School, situated at 134 George Road Geraldton. There will also be a number of activities over the weekend for partners of Meeting attendees, including tours showcasing local attractions such as wildflowers and local wineries.

A message from the Head of Rural Clinical School WA, Professor Campbell Murdoch.

The success of the Rural Clinical School over the past five years has lain in the support of the rural generalist. Our students have valued the opportunity to work alongside doctors, nurses and allied health professionals who have shared their knowledge and skills in a collegial fashion. The establishment of this Annual Conference provides a showcase for that process where we invite colleagues to share their research findings and enhance their procedural skills in a rural location. It is appropriate that this is all happening in the 50th Anniversary Year of the UWA Medical School, a Medical School largely funded by contributions from the "Bush", is now returning to the "Bush" and being invigorated by the most important ingredient of a sustainable health service, which is rural medical generalism.



A message from the Convenor, Dr Kim Pedlow - MBBS(UWA), FRACGP, FACCRM, Dip Obs(Advanced)COG, Clinical Lecturer RCSWA Medical Advisor (WA) to the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. Rural Generalist with special interests in obstetrics, paediatrics and minor surgery.

On behalf of the organising committee I congratulate the Rural Clinical School of WA and the Midwest GP Network for having the vision to support a conference which embraces the aspirations of the rural doctors movement. Our meeting is the product of twenty years work by the Rural Doctors Association and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, particularly their decision to choose an educational pathway to better health outcomes for rural Australians. We hope that our meeting, born of the Abrolhos Conference, will evolve into a state wide conference owned by the RCSWA, housed in and coordinated by the local GP Network and rotating amongst regional centres. To delegates, I commend our theme of the rural medical generalist and flag our intention to produce a living document to serve as a roadmap to enhanced health services in rural WA. These services will be underpinned by generalists, be they doctor or other health provider, trained and credentialed in various skill sets.

I welcome doctor, medical student, nurse, allied health, paramedical and health worker colleagues to our meeting.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Keynote speakers for the meeting will be Professor Richard Lilford of the University of Birmingham and Associate Professor Bruce Chater of the University of Queensland.



PROFESSOR RICHARD LILFORD MB BCH FRCOG FRCP FFPH is *Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Medical School, University of Birmingham.*

Richard Lilford's main interests are in ethics and modelling the clinical and cost effectiveness of clinical interventions. He has a long standing interest in the application of Bayesian statistics and formal clinical decision analysis. Prior to his current post he worked in the Senior Civil Service and before that he was, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Leeds for eleven years. Professor Lilford was formerly NHS Clinical Trials Advisor, and a member of the MRC Health Services and Public Health Research Board. Currently he directs two research programs for the Government concerned with research methods and patient safety respectively.

Professor Lilford's keynote address will examine Delivering Medical care in remote regions - Why it needs our best Doctors.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BRUCE CHATER *is the immediate Past President of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Head of Discipline of Rural and Remote Medicine at the University of Queensland.*



Despite the iconic nature of rural life and rural practice, rural practice has been left in a backwater by the specialisation of the 1990s.

While President of ACCRRM, Assoc Prof Bruce Chater championed the need for rural generalist training and guided the college to the point where it now has its training program recognised in legislation.

The Queensland Government have embraced this and established a Rural Generalist Pathway training to ACCRM standards. This program has been established this year and has attracted considerable interest from young and established doctors.

This program provides the chance to develop the vision of Max Kamien who, in writing about the workforce crisis in 1990, advocated for recognition of the special skills required for effective rural practice. "They need to be recognised for what they really are – the elite troops of the rural health care system".

In his presentaion - "Developing an SAS for medical practice – training for Rural Generalist Practice", Bruce will explore the experience to date with the Queensland program and the applicability of the program to Western Australia and more widely.

He will challenge you to look outside the specialism box and consider how we can cater for the dispersed minority – the rural population of Australia – with a model of practice that truly meets their needs.

PROCEDURAL WORKSHOPS:

"The following workshops are currently applying for Rural and Remote Procedural and Emergency Medicine grant status with the RACGP and ACRRM."

Procedural Workshops qualifying for the \$1,500 per day procedural grant are:

➤ *Obstetrics Emergencies/Neonatal Resuscitation* - Proudly sponsored by SJOG Healthcare *Presented by:*

Dr Anne Karczub, Medical Director Obstetrics, King Edward Memorial Hospital;
Dr Suhanna Abdul-Hamid, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, SJOG Specialist Centre Geraldton;
Dr Mohammad Jehangir, Paediatric Specialist, Geraldton Regional Hospital;
Dr Kim Pedlow, GP Victoria District Medical Centre Geraldton;
Dr Ray Borchers, GP Victoria District Medical Centre, Geraldton

Workshop to include:

PPH; Shoulder Dystocia; Vacuum Extraction; breech delivery and management of severe pre eclampsia and eclampsia ; Basics of neonate resuscitation based with or without meconium;
Ventilation using Neopuff, bag and mask PEEP, intubation Umbilical venous cannulation.

➤ *Skin Surgery* - Presented by:

Consultant Dermatologist Dr Kurt Gebauer.

Workshop to include:

Basic Dermatological Therapy; Basic Dermatological Procedures.

➤ *Introduction to Ultrasound in Rural Emergency Medicine* - Proudly sponsored by Geraldton Radiology

Presented by:

Assoc Prof Dr Suzanne Langlois, Director of Radiology Townsville General Hospital
Ms Linda Oliver, Radiographer Geraldton Radiology.

Workshop to include:

Applications of portable ultrasound in the field Pneumothorax, ETT placement and latest update Workshops (rotation) – FAST and abdo, obs and gynae, vascular (PICC and carotids, leg veins)

➤ *Emergency Medicine Western Trauma Course* - Proudly sponsored by DoHA (WA)

Presented by:

The Western Australian Trauma Education Committee

Workshop includes:

Abdominal Trauma; Head Trauma; Thoracic Trauma; Paediatric Trauma; Stabilisation and Transfer

➤ *Anaesthetics*

Presenter and Program to be advised.

GENERAL PROGRAM: NON PROCEDURAL PRESENTATIONS:

In addition to the comprehensive procedural workshops, a number of excellent papers will be delivered over the weekend. Topics covered will include:

➤ *Aboriginal Health*

Renal disease in the Kimberley
Diabetes intervention in Kalgoorlie
HIV service in Rural and Remote areas
OTD doctors in AMS

➤ *Rural Medical Generalist Pathway*

The recent accreditation by the AMC of the rural generalist pathway provides us with a great opportunity to integrate rural and remote education from the undergraduate course, through prevocational and vocational training and the acquisition and maintenance of procedural skills throughout a life time of rural practice. In this section we will learn and discuss the future development of this pathway.

➤ *Wound Care Management Workshop* - Presented by:

Geoff Duggan, Smith & Nephew
Anatomy and physiology of the skin; The physiology of wound healing; Holistic wound assessment (factors influential to healing); Wound Bed Preparation (TIME assessment methodology) and Case study reviews – application of knowledge.

➤ *e - Health*

e health and the rural doctor
Internet cafe
IT displays showcasing RRMEO

Please Note: Program may be subject to change - please check MGPN website for the latest updates.

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COSTS:

Early Bird Rate expires 15 June 2007

	Early Bird Rate	Normal Rate
Doctors:	\$600	\$650
Registrars:	\$500	\$550
Nurses:	\$350	\$400
Health Professionals:	\$350	\$400
Medical Students:	\$150	\$200

Saturday Night Dinner: Cost \$75:00ea
Prices include GST

SOCIAL PROGRAM:

WELCOME RECEPTION: *Sponsored by Nycomed*

Date: 31 August 2007
Time: TBA
Venue: TBA

WOMEN IN GENERAL PRACTICE: *Sponsored by WACRRM*

Date: 31 August 2007
Time: TBA
Venue: TBA

SCIENTIFIC MEETING DINNER: *Sponsored by Pfizer*

Date: 1 September 2007
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Upper Deck, Conversations -
Geraldton Marina, Bayly Street

“Celebrating 50 years of UWA Medical School”

A highlight of the meeting dinner will be to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UWA Medical School. Dean, Professor Ian Puddey will be delivering the after dinner presentation and we thank the generosity of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences for providing Professor Puddey's time and additional sponsorship for the dinner.



COMPLIMENTARY TOURS:

Included among the social events run over the weekend will be various complimentary events for partners of attendees. These tours will operate both Saturday and Sunday.



Winery Tour

Sit back, relax and enjoy the view as we make our way to the Chapman Valley Winery to sample some of their award winning wines whilst enjoying lunch amongst the vines. (*please note:* lunch is not complimentary)

After lunch we will travel to Eagle Vale Olives to experience Australia's best jumbo Kalamata olives! See how olives are pickled, packed and processed then try some for yourself. On the way back to into Geraldton we will drop into Ego Creek Winery to sample some more local award winning wines whilst enjoying the view over the Indian Ocean from the foothills of the Moresby Ranges.

Wildflower Tour

Experience the amazing wildflowers found in the Mid West of WA. Travel in comfort and safety on the 13 seat 4WD eco-tour vehicle through natural bushland on private property in the picturesque Chapman Valley. This is the best time of year to see the largest range of wildflowers in the Mid West. We will have a farm baked morning tea followed by a leisurely bushwalk through a colorful variety of blossoms and flowers.



A camera is a must on this tour!

City Tour

Whilst in Geraldton why not enjoy a tour of some of the interesting highlights the city has to offer? From our world famous HMAS Sydney Memorial, to the Regional Art Gallery, onto the unique museum situated on the picturesque marina waterfront. From there it is a short walk to restaurants, cafes and the shops!



ACCOMMODATION:

Geraldton has a wide range of accommodation available to suit all needs, tastes and budgets. The link below will take you to the Geraldton Tourist Bureau's accommodation booking site where you can book and pay for your accommodation online.

<http://svc071.wic437d.server-web.com/accommodation.asp>

Please note that September is a busy time of the year tourist wise so we recommend you book your accommodation early.

MEETING LOCATION



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