

Clinical Educator of the Year 2022

Dr John Floridis



Dr John Floridis takes every opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of junior doctors at Gove District Hospital (GDH), Northern Territory. Dr Floridis managed the medical education at GDH with a strong emphasis on providing ongoing learning opportunities for prevocational doctors every day. Formal training including simulation training, case discussions and teaching sessions were coordinated by Dr Floridis.

Dr Floridis made himself accessible, even with his clinical load, to junior doctors and provided formal and informal teaching outside of the hospital. He is an enthusiastic mentor with an admirable commitment to ensuring he is always available for those in need of support and mentoring.

His continuing passion and commitment to supporting the next generations of doctors extends to his role as Career Navigator with the NT Rural Generalist Program (NTRGP). Dr Floridis was involved and a major contributor in the development of the NTRGP in 2021 to ensure that the doctors involved in the program get to experience placements in rural and remote primary health care settings all across the NT.

As a Medical Educator at GDH, Dr Floridis advocated to the Director of Medical Services of East Arnhem Region to ensure junior doctors were adequately rostered with opportunities to access regular formal and informal teaching and supervision.

Dr Floridis is a passionate Rural Generalist Anaesthetist and has worked across a number of areas in the East Arnhem Region to encourage a strong synergy between primary, secondary and tertiary care, something not easily done in a rural environment. He developed strong partnerships and multidisciplinary colleagues in the aboriginal medical sector and fostered a safe environment for the provision of culturally appropriate and contemporary care. For his efforts, Dr Floridis is highly regarded by his patients, colleagues and the wider community.

Dr Floridis demonstrates his strong commitment to the NT by providing health care to the vulnerable population since 2014. His commitment never faltered even whilst undertaking specialist training with the Royal Australia College of General Practitioners, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Australian College of Emergency Medicine. John is passionate about improving health outcomes for all Territorians, in particular Aboriginal Health and promoting the current and future junior doctor workforce for the NT.