



JMO Forum Chair's Report to Northern Territory Post Graduate Medical Council

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The JMO Forum has continued on with our two main projects of the PGPPP survey and the JMO survival guide. We have also just returned from the Prevocational Medical Education Forum in Perth.

1. PGPPP survey

The PGPPP survey was one of our main objectives for this year. We had a great response rate (68%) from the JMOs who have completed their PGPPPs in the second or third cohorts of 2012. The results were analysed at this point (n=25) for some initial results.

The results were very positive and somewhat surprising given the negative feedback that we had been hearing from JMOs. Overall they had a good experience, felt safe in their placements and are more likely to work in GP and in the NT in the future. There was some interesting supervision data that came back, suggesting that only 56% of JMOs had a supervisor on site fulltime. Other arrangements (such as supervision by phone) were generally made in these circumstances. Reassuringly, JMOs were very happy with these alternative supervision models (91%).

These initial results were presented in the form of a poster at the Prevocational Medical Education Forum last week and were well received. They have also been forwarded to NTGPE who were very pleased with the data and the ongoing study and are planning to display the poster in their office.

I have attached both the raw data and the poster presentation for your interest.

2. JMO survival guide/training booklet

Our JMO NT survival guide (tentatively titled "A doc on a rock with a croc") is in draft form. The content was written by a small group of dedicated JMOs from Alice Springs, Gove and Darwin and has been compiled. We are currently in the editing process. We expect to finalise the guide by the end of the year to allow it to be published online and distributed in pdf form to new doctors at orientation in January.



Sally Banfield and Gabby Diplock, deputy chairs of the JMO Forum, presented this project at the Prevocational Medical Education in Forum last week. This was also a chance to acknowledge the other JMO Forums around Australia who have generously allowed us to borrow from their own JMO survival guides.

3. Prevocational Medical Education Forum

I was grateful to attend the Forum in Perth last week, along with fellow JMO Forum members Lauren Finlay from RDH, and Sally Banfield, Gabby Diplock and Kyran Smith from ASH. This was a great opportunity to network and brainstorm with other JMO Forums, to see the issues that are pressing on a national level and to showcase what we have been doing in the NT. It also gives us a chance to have a face-to-face meeting with the other NT JMO Forum members present, which was a very productive time and allowed us to talk about ongoing issues at our respective hospitals and to plan for the next year.

I would like to sincerely thank the different funding bodies who assisted in getting JMO Forum members to the conference, namely NTPMC (Shirley and Vanessa in particular), DoHA and Alice Springs Hospital.

The Australia New Zealand JMO Committee held a forum on the first day of the conference, that was both interesting and productive. As well as reviewing the draft resolutions of the Committee as a group, we were also given an excellent workshop on persuasion and lobbying. I will not attach the resolutions here as they are still being fine tuned by the Committee and we are keen to keep them under wraps until they are finalised.

Additionally, as mentioned earlier, both of the JMO Forum abstracts were accepted for the Prevocational Medical Education Forum. This was a great success and we were very pleased to be represented at the forum in this way for the first time.

4. Succession planning

The chair of the JMO Forum traditionally alternates between Alice Springs and Darwin. As such, the next chair of the JMO Forum is likely to be in Alice Springs next year and this is to be discussed and voted on at our next meeting on Tuesday 6th December.