

DIPLOMATES BULLETIN

Autumn 2008 Edition

GPOA Committee Elections

In 2005 the RANZCOG established the GP Obstetrics Advisory (GPOA) Committee to better represent the views of Diplomates (both Shared Care and GP Proceduralist) to the College. The Committee meets four times a year and reports directly to the RANZCOG Council via the Executive Committee. The Committee represents Diplomates in the functioning of the College, providing a variety of inputs relating to Diploma Curriculum Continuing Professional Development and College statements.

Later this year elections will be held for positions on the GP Obstetric Advisory Committee. In August 2008 nomination forms and election information will be distributed to all Diplomates and placed on the RANZCOG website.

Women's Health Requirements 2005-2007 triennium

College staff are drawing near to the end of the administration process for the 2005-2007 triennium. Please note that if your current Diploma has an end date of 31 December 2007 and you have not completed your women's health requirements and are not up to date with your subscription you will have an out of date Diploma and therefore you will be removed from the Register of Diplomates.

Diplomates Days – RANZCOG Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

The 2008 Provincial Fellows ASM will be held 25 - 27 April 2008 at the Peppers Pier Resort. Two Diplomates' Days have been organized for 24 and 25 of April 2008. The first day, Intensive Ultrasound for Diplomates is fully booked but there are still limited places for the second Diplomates' Day.

Jeff Taylor

Chairman, GPOA Committee

Women's Health Requirements 2008 - 2010 Triennium

Discussions are being held between ACRRM, RACGP and RANZCOG regarding the Women's Health requirements for the 2008 - 2010 triennium. It is important that the requirements fit within both the ACRRM PDP and the RACGP QA&CPD Programs and Diplomates should not be disadvantaged no matter which College administers their Women's Health points

The Joint Consultative Committee Obstetrics (JCCO) has asked that the requirements be finalised before the July Meeting of the RANZCOG Council.

Once the requirements have been finalised they will be added to the GP Diploma section of the RANZCOG website <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/gpdiploma/index.shtml>, and a flyer will be mailed out to all diploma holders with a Women's Health requirement for the 2008-2010 triennium.

Annual Subscription Fees

The 2008/2009 Annual Subscription Fees will be sent to all Diplomates in May 2008 and are due and payable by 1 July 2008. Please remember that if your subscription is unpaid for a period of nine calendar months after it becomes due you shall cease to be a member of the College in accordance with Subclause 4.4 (as detailed below) of the Constitution of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

4.4 If the subscription of a member is unpaid for a period of nine calendar months after it becomes due, the member shall cease to be a member of the College and shall lose all rights and privileges of membership. The Council, may if it thinks fit, reinstate the member upon payment of all arrears.

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Women's Health Requirements 2005 - 2007 Triennium

Holders of the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced with a certificate end date of 31 December 2007 had recertification requirements in the 2005-2007 triennium. The requirements were 30 points (minimum of one Category 1 activity) in the area of Women's Reproductive Health by 31 December 2007.

CERTIFICATES

If you completed your Women's Reproductive Health requirements for the 2005 - 2007 triennium and your yearly subscription was up to date you will have received your updated Diploma Certificate early in 2008.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why didn't I receive my Certificate?

If you didn't receive your Certificate it will be because RANZCOG has not received details of your Women's Health points from your College or from you (if your points are administered by RANZCOG), your subscription has not been paid or we do not have a current address for you.

What can I do if I did not complete my Women's Health points by the 31 December 2007?

You can attend an activity in the early part of 2008 and have the points backdated to the 2005 - 2007 triennium. You will need to contact the College that administers your Women's Health to arrange the backdating of points. See below for contact details.

What happens to my Diploma if I do not complete my Women's Health requirements?

Your current Diploma has an end date of 31 December 2007 and therefore you will have an out of date Diploma and you will be removed from the Register of Diplomates.

ADMINISTRATION OF POINTS

Women's Reproductive Health Points are administered as follows:

Fellows of the RACGP/Vocationally Registered with the RACGP

For Diplomates who are Fellows of, or are vocationally registered with the RACGP, your points are administered by the RACGP. Any queries regarding points should be directed to the local RACGP office or the national QA&CPD Office on 03 8699 0491.

Fellows of ACRRM/Vocationally Registered with ACRRM

For Diplomates who are Fellows of or are vocationally registered with ACRRM, your points are administered by ACRRM. Any queries regarding points should be directed to ACRRM on 073105 8200.

Diplomates not registered with RACGP or ACRRM

For Diplomates not registered with either the RACGP or ACRRM points are administered by the RANZCOG. Any queries regarding points should be directed to Val Spark - see below.

Still need to complete an activity for the 2005 - 2007 triennium?

You can still do one of the Women's Health Online modules from GP Learning

Contact GP Learning (t) 1800 284 732

Note: The activities are no longer on the website but can be requested by contacting GP Learning staff

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Items of Interest

Rural Health Education Foundation

The Rural Health Education Foundation is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that provides an education and information "lifeline" to rural and remote health professionals.

To the doctors, pharmacists, nurses, administrators and other health workers involved, the programs are invaluable for they provide an opportunity to undertake continuing professional education and receive timely information emanating from national launches or events of national importance.

The latest topics via the latest technology

The satellite and Internet technology ensures these health professionals gain access to continuing education, without the need for them to find locum support or leave their communities.

The Foundation's programs are broadcast and distributed in Australia a number of times each month and meet the professional development needs of all disciplines. They dissect major health issues and provide information on the latest and best health and community care practices. They also address the prevention and current management of common health problems.

Presented by experts

The programs feature presentations from medical and health professionals who are leaders in their disciplines, and allow for input from the target audience on material presented. The panels usually include a rural health professional. The aim is to address the unique education and information needs of medical practitioners, health workers and communities in rural and remote Australia.

Accreditation

All Foundation-produced programs are accredited by the RACGP and ACRRM.

What's On

Check out the website for a list of programs and the screening dates <http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/programs.html>

O & G Related Topic:

Item: 808

Title: Smoking and Pregnancy: Womb to Breathe

Duration: 60 minutes

Initial Broadcast: 22 April 2008

Public Online Medline database

Looking to find new information or need to update old knowledge? Log on to <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=pubmed> for the freely accessible online database of biomedical journal citations and abstracts created by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. PubMed allows searching using MeSH headings for easy searching and also gives the option of creating an account for regular PubMed updates of saved searches.

What are MeSH headings?

MeSH is the National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary thesaurus. It consists of sets of terms naming descriptors in a hierarchical structure that permits searching at various levels of specificity.

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Dates for your Diary

2008 RANZCOG Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting

Hervey Bay, QLD 25 - 27 April 2008

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HOSPIMedica Australia 2008

Sydney, NSW 13 - 15 May 2008

HOSPIMedica Australia 2008 will be held 13 - 15 May 2008 at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre. This trade fair will provide the opportunity to source and identify new products and supplies, compare and evaluate competing products and equipment and to network with colleagues. Visit the website www.hospimedica-australia.com for more information.

RANZCOG 2008 Australian Indigenous Women's Health Meeting

Darwin, NT 14 - 16 August 2008

The RANZCOG Australian Indigenous Women's Health meeting will be held 14 - 16 August 2008 at the Darwin Convention Centre. This meeting aims to bring together health professionals across the country with an aim to improving the health of Indigenous women and provide valuable networking opportunities. Refer to the back page of this Bulletin for more information.

WONCA Asian Pacific Regional Conference

Melbourne, VIC 1 - 5 October 2008

The WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, combined with the 51st Annual Scientific Convention and hosted by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Visit the website www.wonca2008.com for more information.

2009 RANZCOG Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting

Cable Beach, WA 29 - 31 May 2009

The 2009 Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting will be held 29 - 31 May 2009 at the Cable Beach Club Resort. The program for the Diplomates' Days has not yet been finalised but the Diplomates' Days have been scheduled for 28 and 29 of May 2009. Visit the link <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/provincialmeeting.shtml> for further information.

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Clinical Indicators

Obstetric Clinical Indicators

In 2007, the RANZCOG President established a working party to review the obstetric clinical indicators as the current set had been in use since January 2004 and had some perceived deficiencies. The working party, made up of specialists and sub-specialists, considered the existing obstetric indicators, the latest clinical evidence and other maternity indicators available in Australia including those produced by the recently completed Core Maternity Indicator Project.

The aim of the working party was to come up with a set of obstetric indicators for use in healthcare services that are; robust, measurable, reflective of good practice and applicable across a variety of practice in both Australia and New Zealand.

The obstetric clinical indicators were approved by Council in December 2007 and included in the 2008 ACHS Clinical Indicator Manual. The complete set of obstetric clinical indicators can be downloaded from the of the College website. http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/pdfs/Obstetric_Indicators.pdf

Gynaecology Clinical Indicators

In 2006 RANZCOG in collaboration with AGES established a working party to review the gynaecology clinical indicators. The working party identified further topics that reflected the breadth of gynaecology practice in the hospital setting. The draft indicator set were approved by Council in November 2006 and included in the 2007 ACHS Clinical Indicator Manual. The complete set of gynaecology clinical indicators can be downloaded from the of the College website. http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/pdfs/Gynaecology_Indicators.pdf

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Articles of interest from the 2007 Summer & 2008 Autumn Editions

Summer Edition 2007

The history of IVF - p10
Oocyte donation in assisted reproduction - p12
Immune interactions between mother & embryo - p14
The early life origins of health and disease - p18
Preconception care - p21
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Abortion services in Australia - p27
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Late termination of pregnancy - practical realities - p33
Abortion laws in Australia - p36
Nuchal translucency screening - p38
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Winter Edition 2008

The **Winter Edition** of the O&G will focus on 'Ethics and Religion in O & G' and expected release date is mid June 2008.

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Is there a place for the academic GP obstetrician? - p29
Should medical students deliver babies? - p30
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How to: perform a standard abdominal hysterectomy - p47
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Is there 'risk' when trainees work in your private practice - p56
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College Statements update - January 2008 - p78

O&G Website Link

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/oandg.shtml>

ANZJOG Website Link

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/anzjog.shtml>

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Are you listed on the REGISTER OF GP OBSTETRICIANS on the RANZCOG website?

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/find/gp.shtml>

As a holder of the RANZCOG Diploma of Obstetrics you can elect to have your details included in this Register. If you would like to be listed please contact Tracey Wheeler twheeler@ranzcog.edu.au

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