DIPLOMATES BULLETIN

Summer 2008 Edition

The Year in Review

The GP Obstetrics Advisory (GPOA) Committee continues to represent Diplomates in the functioning of the College, providing a variety of inputs relating to Continuing Professional Development and College statements.

RANZCOG Constitution – recognition of Diplomates

In the past Diplomates were not mentioned as members of the College in the Memorandum and Articles of Association but with the approval of the new RANZCOG Constitution in November 2006 Diplomates are now recognised as members of the RANZCOG. This is a significant recognition of the role of Diplomates play in the area of Women's health.

Diplomates Day – RANZCOG ASMs

One of the main focuses has been the implementation of a Diplomates Day at the 2006 RANZCOG Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in Perth. The event attracted an overwhelming response from Diplomates and as a result Diplomates Days were held at the 2007 ASM on the Gold Coast. A reflection of the need for ongoing educational sessions for both procedural and non procedural Diplomates has seen Diplomates Days being incorporated into all future RANZCOG ASMs and the Provincial Fellows ASMs.

Revised Diploma Curriculum

Attractiveness of the Diploma to new graduates has been of some concern with declining numbers of practitioners applying. The GPOA Committee has worked extensively with Dr Roy Watson (Vice-President and past chair JCCO) and other key College staff members in developing the framework for a revised Diploma Curriculum. The aim has been to make the Diploma into a broader based and more flexible training program thus being more attractive to new graduates as well as those currently employed in General Practice.

Diplomates Bulletin

Following feedback from Diplomates the GPOA Committee has produced an email newsletter for Diplomates to provide information on College publications and activities, women's health activities and other items of interest to procedural and non procedural practitioners. The Diplomates Bulletin is distributed via email and is also available on the RANZCOG website from the GP Diploma page. All editions are available via the RANZCOG website: http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/gpdiploma/diplomatesbulletin.shtml

RACGP and ACRRM Scientific Meetings

RANZCOG along with GPOA Committee has continued to attend both RACGP and ACRRM events to keep Diplomates abreast of the current workings of the College as well as upcoming educational activities.

Following is the 3rd edition of the Diplomates Bulletin and in this edition we are focusing on Women's Health requirements, evidence-based practice and practice guidelines.

Best wishes for the Festive Season to you and your loved ones.

Jeff Taylor
Chairman, GPOA Committee

Do you have your 30 Category One Women's Health Points?

The 2005—2007 Triennium end date is 31 December 2007 - Refer to Pages 2 & 7

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2005 - 2007 Triennium Update

Holders of the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced with a certificate end date of 31 December 2007 have recertification requirements in the current triennium. Diplomates must obtain 30 points (minimum of one Category 1 activity) in the area of Women's Reproductive Health by 31 December 2007. Reminder letters have been and will be sent to all Diploma holders reminding them of their requirements.

CERTIFICATES

If you have completed your Women's Reproductive Health requirements for the 2005-2007 triennium and your yearly subscription is up to date you will be sent an 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.

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Women's Health Requirements 2005 - 2007 Triennium

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Women's Health Activities

A list of Women's Health activities can be found on the following websites –
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/meetingsconferences/pdfs/women%27s-health-activities2007.pdf
http://www.racgp.org.au/
http://www.acrrm.org.au/

On-Line Learning Activities

Women's Health Activity - Distance Education

Distance Education Modules various (Menstrual Disorders, Family Violence, Female Cancer and Contraception)

RACGP Online Learning
Contact GP Helpdesk (t) 1800 284 789 (f) 1800 257 053 (e) contactus@gplearning.com.au
(w) http://www.gplearning.com.au/gp_learning_activities/cat1.htm
Category 1: 30 points
Category 2 points will be awarded if post test is **not** completed

Domestic Violence

Interactive Online Learning for General Practice (Disclosure, Working with Women, Management and Strategies)

Contact GP Helpdesk (t) 1800 284 789 (f) 1800 257 053 (e) contactus@gplearning.com.au
(w) http://www.gplearning.com.au/gp_learning_activities/cat1.htm
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Updates in Antenatal Care

Short Course: Updates in Antenatal Care (a women's health program)

Contact Med-E-Serv's PriMeD Coordinator +61 7 3251 5900 (f) +61 7 3251 5999
(w) www.primed.com.au
Category 1: 30 points
if you wish to enrol in this activity for the 2005-2007 triennium after 31 December 2007
Please email primed.coordinator@medeserv.com.au

Do you have your 30 Category One Women's Health Points?

Did you know that if you participate in a Category One Women's Health activity early in 2008 you can have the points backdated to the 2005-2007 triennium?
Contact the RACGP on (03) 8699-0491

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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Women's Health Activities

2008 Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting - Hervey Bay, QLD

Two Diplomates days specifically designed for the 'rural' diplomate will be held on Thursday 24th April and Friday 25th April 2008 at the Peppers Pier Resort, Hervey Bay. These days will be held in conjunction with the 2008 Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

Diplomates' Day 1: Intensive Ultrasound

This day is specifically targeted at maintaining effective ultrasound skills with a focus of one on four teaching. This day has been set to a maximum of 20 participants only.

Diplomates' Day 2

The organisation of day two is well underway. Current topics will encompass 'What's new in obstetric care', 'Avoiding obstetric emergencies' and 'Complications of obstetrics'. Please check the RANZCOG website for updates to the program. As per RACGP requirements Day 2 has been set to a maximum of 50 participants only.

Registration information will be sent electronically to all Diplomates working in RRMA areas 3-7 in mid-December 2007. Please ensure you register early to avoid any disappointment.
Contact: Kate Lawrey, tel: +61 3 9412 2971 fax: +61 3 9415 9306 e-mail: klawrey@ranzcog.edu.au

RANZCOG Australian Indigenous Women's Health Meeting
14 - 16 August 2008
Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin NT

In August 2008, the RANZCOG will be holding a three-day conference on Australian Indigenous Women's Health at the Darwin Convention Centre. The aims of the meeting are to inform people who work in Indigenous Women's health of what is happening nationally, to provide information for those who have an interest in Indigenous women's health but are not currently working in the area, to help develop networks between organizations nationally and to assist the college in how they can have a role in improving Indigenous Women's health.

The Organising Committee extends an invitation to all RANZCOG Fellows, Diplomates, General Practitioners, Midwives and Health Care Workers to register for this important meeting. Further information will be available in 2008.
Contact: Kylie Grose (t) +61 3 9412 2922 (f) +61 3 9419 0672 (e) kgrose@ranzcog.edu.au

2008 Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting - Broome, WA

Organisation for 2009 Rural Diplomates' Days is also underway. Two Diplomates' Days will be held in conjunction with the 2009 Provincial Fellows Annual Scientific Meeting at the Cable Beach Club Resort in Broome.
Further information will be sent to all Diplomates in 2008.

XXIst AOFOG Congress (AOCOG) / 2009 RANZCOG ASM
27 -30 March 2009
Auckland New Zealand

It is planned to hold two Diplomates Days in conjunction with the XXIst AOFOG Congress (AOCOG) / 2009 RANZCOG ASM. Further information will be available in 2008.

Contact Convention Management Services Limited PO Box 121 050 Henderson 0650 Auckland New Zealand
(t) +64 9 835 1531 (f) +64 9 835 1539 (e) aocogranzcog2009@cmsl.co.nz (w) www.aocogranzcog2009.co.nz

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RANZCOG Statements

All College Statements are revised every two years by the RANZCOG Women's Health Committee. Information about revised and updated Statements is posted on the website after each Council meeting. See this link for new/ revised
College Statements approved at Council - July/November 2007:
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/womenshealth/statementsupdate.shtml

All College Statements are available at this address:
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/collegestatements.shtml

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Shared Care

Joint Consultative Committee on Obstetrics (JCCO) of the RANZCOG/RACGP/ACRRM Policy statement on shared maternity care obstetric patients in Australia.
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/statements/wpi9.pdf

Hospital access for the practice of obstetrics by general practitioner obstetricians and rural non specialist obstetricians in Australia.
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/statements/wpi5.pdf

Guidelines for the assistance of hospital committees in the delineation of credentials and scope of clinical practice for general practitioner obstetricians and rural non specialist obstetricians practicing obstetrics in Australia.
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/statements/wpi6.pdf

Antenatal Screening Tests

Fundamental to antenatal care is the early detection of variations from the norm, in order that potential sequelae to the mother or her fetus can be avoided or minimised. Most important is a detailed medical history and clinical examination in early pregnancy, followed by diligent clinical review during the antenatal period.
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/statements/C-obs3.pdf

Cervical Cancer — Gardasil

Cervical cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer morbidity and mortality in women throughout the world.
In July RANZCOG released a new College Statement on **Guidelines for HPV Vaccine**. This Statement can be found on the College website:
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/statements/C-gyn18-Guidelines-for-HPV-Vaccine.pdf

Link to the list of Women's Health Activities on the RANZCOG website:

http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/meetingsconferences

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Items of Interest - Publications

Contraception (Set): an Australian Clinical Practice Handbook

First edition produced and published by Sexual Health & Family Planning Australia (SH&FPA).

This set of the new handbook and CD-ROM, co-authored by medical experts from Australian family planning organisations, provides information on all methods of contraception.

Contraception: an Australian Clinical Practice Handbook aims to support and promote good clinical practice by providing current, evidence-based consensus recommendation on best practice in contraception delivery in an Australian setting.

To find out more information and to order a copy visit the website:
http://www.fpnsw.org.au/resources/healthrites/chbandcd_20070305.html

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Guidelines for Blood Grouping & Antibody Screening in the Antenatal & Perinatal Setting

The introduction of antenatal RhD-Ig immunoprophylaxis in Australia has raised a number of significant issues, some related to the timing of RhD-Ig injections but most significantly in laboratory testing and reporting. The requirement for antenatal prophylaxis continues to be reviewed in New Zealand.

Current guidelines, in both countries, recommend that all RhD negative females should have red cell antibody screening performed at their initial antenatal visit and at least once between 28 and 36 weeks gestation. To find out more or to download a copy:
http://www.anzsbt.org.au/publications/documents/ANGuidelines_2007_000.pdf

Training for Rural and Remote Procedural GPs Program Guidelines

The ***Training for Rural and Remote Procedural GPs Program Guidelines*** have recently been revised to incorporate all the changes that have occurred to the training grants program in 2007.

To access the **revised guidelines** please click onto the link below:
http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/work-rural-trrpgpp-guide

The guidelines also contain an application form (pages 6 & 7) to enable doctors to apply to register in the program. If you have difficulty accessing this link please contact: Pauline Curtis, Program Coordinator, Rural and Remote Procedural GPs Program on pauline.curtis@racgp.org.au

Brochures on the program have also been revised and are accessible at
http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/work-rural-trrpgpp

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Items of Interest - Guidelines and Statements

Perinatal Society of Australia & New Zealand: Guidelines for investigations of neonatal deaths

These guidelines can be accessed from:
http://www.materresearch.org/psanzpmg/doc/Clinical%20Practice%20Guideline%20for%20PNM%20Section%206.pdf

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Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) Statement: The benefits and risks of exercise during pregnancy

This statement can be accessed from:
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/womenshealth/pdfs/SMAPregnancyStatement.pdf

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The Medical Journal of Australia: Consensus statement on diabetes control in preparation for pregnancy & The Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society Consensus guidelines for the management of type 1 & type 2 diabetes in relation to pregnancy

These statements can be accessed from:
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/181_06_200904/mcl196_fm.html
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/183_07_031005/mce10281_fm.html

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Genetics in Family Medicine: The Australian handbook for general practitioners

The online handbook can be accessed from: http://www.gpgenetics.edu.au/

What topic would you like covered at future Diplomates Days?

Send your ideas/topics for future Diplomates Day to:

dips@ranzcog.edu.au

2007 Dates and Fees

Subscription Fees

2007/2008 Subscription Fees were sent in May 2007 due and payable by 1 July 2007

DRANZCOG Examiner

Are you interested in applying to become a DRANZCOG Examiner?
Click on this link to find out the requirements and how to apply:
http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/examiners.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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