



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROGRAM



The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) in collaboration with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) are pleased to offer an exciting new learning opportunity for doctors, including international medical graduates (IMGs) caring for Australia's Indigenous population.

This program is proudly supported by the Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program will deliver eight on-line education modules, assessment items and discussion forums for registered participants and; two videoconferencing sessions to enable participants to partake in face-to-face discussions to resolve any issues with subject specific experts.

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL FOCUS

We acknowledge the Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools (CDAMS) Indigenous Health Curriculum Framework, Guiding Principles including the following principle:

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have a diversity of cultures, experiences, histories and geographical locations. They are not a homogenous population, and this should be reflected in the design, delivery and evaluation of curricula'.



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

The focus of the educational modules is to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the context of clinical practice. Module One will commence between January and February 2007.

Each of the modules will address the impact of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture across the surgical, obstetric and gynaecological disciplines. The following are topics that the program will endeavour to cover:

- Cultural appreciations for better surgical and O&G care: Getting to know your Indigenous patient's culture and context.
- Are you being heard?: *Effective communication and two way understanding for patient self-management*
- Why patients might leave hospital early: *Understanding the relevant hospital, community and family issues and how to deal with them.*
- Why patients might not show up: *Understanding and reducing the barriers to hospital-based care that Indigenous people face*
- Informed Consent - When, how and why: *Effective communication strategies to ensure patients really understand their treatment.*
- Finding common ground: *Improving your effectiveness by working together with all members of the Indigenous healthcare community.*
- Bettering the system: *Being proactive in making your hospital and health service more responsive to the needs of Indigenous Australians*

FEES AND SERVICES

- This program is **FREE** to registered participants
- It is not compulsory for participants to complete all eight modules.
- Technical support is available

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

- Understand how contextual, cultural and communication issues affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's health and health care
- Develop skills to make you a more effective practitioner when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Opportunity to receive feedback on specific clinical issues within a cultural context
- One on one learning support with facilitator
- On-line peer support
- On-line information and resources centre
- Continuing Professional Development points and a Certificate of Participation

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION



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REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is FREE.

Please complete the this form return via fax to **(03) 9276 7432** or post.

Please note: All data will be collated and no identifying data will be published - some of the de-identified information will be used for reporting and evaluation purposes.

FULL NAME:

TELEPHONE FAX:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB STATE POSTCODE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In which town/community do you work? State:

How long have you been located there? months years

Please indicate your role: (mark your answers with either [x] or [✓])

Surgeon [] Ob/Gyn [] Trainee [] Other []

Are you an International Medical Graduate? Yes [] No []

Do you work with Indigenous Australians? (Including patients, colleagues or other staff)
Yes [] No []

How often would you treat Indigenous patients?
Weekly [] Fortnightly [] Monthly [] Other []

What skills do you hope to gain from participating in this program?
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How did you hear about this program?

Flyer [] Surgical News [] College ConneXion [] Supervisor/Colleague []

Other []

The Australian Indigenous Health Program is funded by the Specialists and OTD Projects Branch of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing to provide professional development activities for Surgeons, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in particular specialist International Medical Graduates and other doctors caring for Australia's Indigenous population. For further information of other initiatives, please visit www.doctorconnect.com.au or the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons at www.surgeons.org.au