

HELP US GROW THE GP WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

Dear GPs,

Please join members of staff from the Dunedin School of Medicine to discuss Medical Student placements in General Practice. This is a key factor in addressing the unfolding GP workforce crisis and your help could make a difference.

When: **Wednesday 22nd November at 6.30 p.m.**

Where: **Otago Medical School Campus, Ground floor, Learning and Research Building, Southland Hospital (Follow the signs from Entrance 1 off Elles Road)**

From 2024, our five-week 4th Year module will become an eight-week programme. This offers us a great opportunity to reinvent how we undertake introducing Medical Students to General Practice, with a view to contributing to improving the very real ongoing workforce issues. Our Trainee Intern module changes in 2026 which also opens up some opportunities for us all.

To do this, **we need your help** to minimise barriers to hosting students, and to make the process as frictionless as possible.

Exposure to Primary Care and General Practice is critical if medical students are to develop any interest in a career as a GP. We are acutely aware of the challenges being faced, including pressures on clinicians and practices, increasing medical student numbers, changed ways of working post-COVID, reduced room availability and competition from GP registrars.

Please attend if you can, even if you don't usually host students. You are welcome to invite your Practice Manager if that would be helpful. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided.

Attendees from Otago Medical School will include:

- Professor Konrad Richter, Associate Dean Southland, Dunedin School of Medicine
- Professor Tim Stokes, Head of Department, GPRH, Dunedin School of Medicine
- Dr Peter Radue, Senior Teaching Fellow Dept General Practice and Rural Health (GPRH), Advanced Learning in Medicine (ALM) GP Module Convenor
- Dr Aisha Paulose, Senior Professional Practice Fellow GPRH, Invercargill Lead
- Dr Kristin Kenrick, Senior Teaching Fellow GPRH, New-module Design Lead (via Zoom)
- Dr Anna Black, Senior Professional Practice Fellow GPRH (via Zoom)
- Ms Stephanie Jensen, GP Administrator 4th,5th,6th year student modules.

We'd prefer you to attend in person, if possible, but Zoom is also available:

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/92190288864?pwd=aityNmFWelBOWVNRaXVTQnArejN2UT09>

Meeting ID: 921 9028 8864

Password: 779320

Please RSVP to Stephanie at gprural.admin@otago.ac.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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