

# A Core Tutorial Package

To inform in-practice teaching during PGPPP terms

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#### AOGP

A regional training provider in South Australia, AOGP has trained 127 junior doctors over 4-years, on 8-13 week placements with the Prevocational General Practice Placements Program (PGPPP). Four tertiary hospitals in Adelaide and 8 general practices in rural and urban settings are currently involved with the program.

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The 7 'O's Framework

#### Introduction

Our PGPPP training is based on a model—the **7 'O's Framework**—for the delivery of an integrated curriculum supporting junior doctor training to meet minimum core competencies for a term in General Practice, as well as meeting minimum core competencies as described in the Australian Curriculum Framework<sup>1,2</sup>.

#### Objective

Feedback from PGPPP trainees identifies that formal tutorials are a highly valued and integral component of their junior doctor training. Formal tutorials are scheduled on the PGPPP timetables at our associated General Practices. PGPPP supervisors with time constraints sought assistance from AOGP to develop core tutorials for these rostered sessions.

#### Design

Feedback from interns and supervisors and cross-referencing with the BEACH survey of general practice activity defined topic choice<sup>3</sup>. The topics complement tutorials delivered by AOGP's PGPPP education team during our 2-day PGPPP Orientation where sessions include:

- Chronic Care
- Contraception
- Difficult requests
- Emergency skills
- Immunisation
- IT systems
- Medicare
- Paediatrics

The core tutorials were designed as easy to use guides that incorporate different styles of learning and online resources and references<sup>4</sup>. The Package includes guidelines for the mentoring role and ten clinical topics.

#### Results

Prepared core tutorials were successfully trialled with several junior doctors at one of our PGPPP Practices. The Core Tutorial Package was launched at our annual PGPPP Stakeholder Forum and included a 2 hour workshop 'A Package Tour' dedicated to developing increased awareness for opportunities for teaching in the clinical setting with the Package.

#### Conclusion

A Core Tutorial Package assists PGPPP Supervisors with their important mentoring and structured teaching roles. The Package facilitates core knowledge training and encourages intentional, learner focused teaching, to further enhance the excellent PGPPP training experience. Ongoing evaluation of the Package is being conducted and PGPPP Supervisors are also encouraged to contribute further modules.

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