

INVITATION TWO DAY SHORT COURSE February 25-26 2010

Most health care in Australia is delivered in the general practice setting. Yet how much of this health care is underpinned by good research evidence? There is increasing recognition that countries rich enough to afford medical research devote most of their research resources to laboratory-based research rather than primary care research, despite the need for research to guide quality in primary care.



Course convener
A/Prof Meredith Temple-Smith

Divisions, associations and networks of general practice are at the forefront of ongoing change in the general practice sector and have an important role to play as advocates for, and collaborative partners in, research in primary care.

This two day intensive course is aimed at introducing participants to various aspects of primary care research. Delivered by a range of specialist staff and co-ordinated by A/Prof Meredith Temple-Smith of the Primary Care Research Unit, this course is open to all. You do not require academic qualifications to enrol and there is no requirement for academic assessment. Participants who attend the course will receive a certificate of recognition. The course is suitable for both experienced staff from the Divisions program and for new staff who may still be in their orientation phase.

For further information, course dates and registration procedure, please see overleaf. We are currently investigating new courses and delivery methods and would like to know if there is a need for particular course content. Please register your interest by completing the questionnaire which will be forwarded to you.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Jane Gunn
Director, Primary Care Research Unit

TWO DAY SHORT COURSE

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH

DAY ONE Thursday 25 February 2010

1] WHY DO WE NEED RESEARCH IN PRIMARY CARE?

What constitutes research? What is the place of evidence-based research in primary care? Who are the key primary care research centres and bodies and how do they relate to the profession of general practice?

2] WHAT DRIVES PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA?

Who sets the research agenda? Who funds primary care research? What kind of primary care research is needed in Australia?

DAY TWO Friday 26 February 2010

3] CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN PRIMARY CARE

What skills are needed to conduct research in the primary care setting? What kinds of collaborations are possible in primary care research? What are the ingredients for successful collaboration? What ethics approval processes are available to staff in divisions, associations or networks of general practice?

4] EXPLORING PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH

What are the common topics of research and evaluation interest amongst divisions, associations and networks of general practice? Where and how can division staff find out about research in a topic area of interest? How should research findings be interpreted?

On completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Describe the key functions of research in primary care
- Explain the main factors that drive and influence research and its use in everyday practice
- Identify strategies which support effective collaboration in research among primary care stakeholders
- Be familiar with a variety of methods for accessing primary care research results

To apply online please visit our website www.gp.unimelb.edu.au/pcru/events
Please note applications close 5.00pm Wednesday 17 February 2010

DETAILS

Date/Time: Thursday 25 - Friday 26 February 2010, 9.00am - 4.30pm

Venue: Room 9.037, Level 9 Economics and Commerce Building, 198 Berkeley Street, Carlton

Cost: \$600 per person (including lunches)

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