

Newsletter



Canberra Region Medical Education Council (CRMEC)

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Congratulations Associate Professor Katrina Anderson

We would like to congratulate Associate Professor Katrina Anderson, Chair of the CRMEC who was recently named the 2018 General Practitioner of the Year for NSW and the ACT.

Presented by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the award celebrates the outstanding contributions general practitioners make to the health and wellbeing of patients and communities across Australia.

Associate Professor Anderson is an experienced general practitioner who works clinically in improving refugee and asylum seeker health and was recognised for her excellence as a medical educator at the 2017 Australian Awards for University Teaching and is a well-regarded member of the Academic Unit of General Practice.

This award is a testament to her significant contribution and ongoing dedication to delivering the highest quality of care and best health outcomes to the community.

Canberra Hospital has a new Acting Deputy Director of Prevocational Education and Training Dr Luke Streitberg

I completed my medical degree at the University of Western Australia in 2001. I moved to Canberra after completing my internship in Perth and spent the next few years working in Emergency Medicine. In 2007 I fell backwards into clinical forensic medicine which I found fascinating, and found my way into Justice Health through this. I worked at the Alexander Maconochie Centre since it opened 2008 and in private general practice since 2011. I have also completed my general practice fellowship and am a founding fellow of the chapter of clinical forensic medicine. I teach custodial medicine and have recently come back into the clinical forensics fold, working in the field of traffic medicine at the Canberra Hospital. I became acting deputy director of prevocational education and training in July 2018 and am finding the role very interesting so far. I am looking forward to bringing some of my left of field professional experience into the mix.



Have you ever wondered whether there's anyone out there advocating for you as a junior doctor? Ever wanted to have your voice heard or make a change to your work environment? Interested in participating in teaching or research? Well, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to introduce you to the **Junior Medical Officer Forum** ... or JMOF for short.

The ACT Junior medical officer forum represents all prevocational doctors in Canberra. We provide opportunities for JMOs across the state to meet, identify and take action on issues related to prevocational supervision, education, training, professional development, vocational planning, recruitment, accreditation, human resources, and welfare.

We are an independent group run by JMOs for JMOs. We provide a safe environment for all JMOs to discuss their concerns as well as any issues they've experienced without being identified. We can escalate issues to the regional and national level to make sure your voice is heard. We represent our doctors on the [Canberra Region Medical Education Council \(CRMEC\)](#) as well as at the national level on the Australian Junior Medical Officer Committee (AJMOC).

Our committee has achieved several benchmarks over the last few years, including but not limited to advocating for paid meal break times on night shifts, organizing intern-led mini-cases for 3rd year medical students and working closely with MOSCETU and the DPETs to ensure high quality teaching for Interns and RMOs. This year we are also focusing on organizing a prep course for RMOs transitioning to registrars across multiple medical specialties that will be rolling out over the next few months.

The committee aims to meet once a month and is made of the following portfolios with their respective representatives:

Co-Chairs – Catelyn Cashion and Dennise Castañeda

Welfare – Kate Landau and Callum Morse

Education – Mike Van Alphen, Adel Shahnam, Ian McConnell-Whalan, Janet Ssebatindira

Publications - Zainab Ridha

Research – Jennifer Robertson, Monique Fischer, Subi Gnanendran

Professional development – Arupam Raman and Jonathon Rankin

Workforce – Stephanie Baddock and Ethan McMinn

If you would like to get involved or have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please contact any of the representatives above on their ACTGOV emails and we'd love to hear from you!

The JMOF Committee

Scheduled Accreditation Visits for the Network

Facility	Date due for accreditation
South East Regional Hospital – Bega	4 July 2018
Calvary Health Care ACT	2 & 3 October 2018
Goulburn Base Hospital	2019
Canberra Hospital & Health Services	2020
Moruya Hospital	Early December 2018

In July 2018 a survey team visited Bega Hospital to accredit the medical education program. The report will be publically available on the CRMEC website at the end of October. Thanks to all the JMOs, supervisors, educators and executives who made themselves available to meet with the survey team in July, and the many JMOs who completed online surveys in advance of the survey team visit.

In October 2018 a survey team visited Calvary Public Hospital Bruce to accredit the medical education program. The outcome of this accreditation process is not complete. The survey team appreciated the high attendance of JMOs, supervisors and executives at the visit, and the high levels of completion of online surveys in advance of the visit. We anticipate the report for this visit being publically available in December.

In December 2018 a surveyor will make a preliminary visit to Moruya Hospital in advance of the hospital commencing a new medical education program in 2019.

When the CRMEC conduct accreditation of a facility's medical education program, a survey team uses information from onsite interviews, together with online surveys and facility documentation to evaluate the medical education program against the CRMEC Accreditation Standards. The CRMEC Standards reflect the national Australian Medical Council (AMC) standards for intern programs. The survey team complete a report that is presented to the CRMEC Accreditation Committee for consideration. This Committee evaluates the report and makes recommendations to the Council on the outcome of the survey visit. After the Council endorses a report, the facility is informed and, in the event that no complaints are raised, the ACT Board of the Medical Board of Australia is informed of the accreditation outcome.

Education 2019

Congratulations to those participants that completed their Associate Fellowship (information below).

The CRMEC ran Teaching for Clinicians for junior doctors and for supervisors throughout 2018. This course has been extremely popular. Completion of the two formal sessions and assessment work enables application as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Teaching for Clinicians will be offered again for junior doctors in 2019. The calendar will be available in our first newsletter for 2019, after new interns have commenced. We recommend signing up early, as the course is very popular!

The CRMEC, together with ACT Health, offered the Enhancing Leadership Skills for registrars in September. This two-day course is also very popular and we look forward to offering it again in the second half of 2019.

Participants who wish to go on and complete the Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA) through the Australian National University Educational Fellowship Scheme can find more information about this on our website: <http://bit.ly/2BfJl2x>

JMO Resources

- CRMEC Record of Accredited Terms is available at the CRMEC website.
- The CRMEC website has term descriptions added as they become available. You should receive a term description at the commencement of each new term. The term description outlines your schedule, supervisors and clinical team, learning opportunities and expected skills acquisition.

CONTACT CRMEC via email, telephone or in person if you have concerns about supervision or your experiences in a training term in ACT/southern NSW. All enquiries are managed in a confidential manner

Education Conference News

The 23rd Australian and New Zealand Prevocational Medical Education forum will be held in Melbourne from 11th to 14 November 2018.

Please refer to the following website for registration and abstract details.
<http://www.prevocationalforum2018.com/>

Venue: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

Organizer: PMCV Theme for the

Forum: Next Level – Exploring New Horizons



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Upcoming Meeting Dates

CRMEC Council

Wednesday 12 September 2018
Wednesday 7 November 2018
Wednesday 13 March 2019
Wednesday 15 May 2019

Accreditation Committee

Tuesday 16 October 2018
Tuesday 19 February 2019
Tuesday 16 April 2019
Tuesday 25 June 2019

Education Committee

Wednesday 24 October 2018
Wednesday 27 February 2019
Wednesday 1 May 2019
Wednesday 3 July 2019