



BASS COAST
Regional Health

RURAL INTERN PILOT PROGRAM

Making a start at Bass Coast Regional Health in 2008

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The program

- Collaborative program with Peninsula Health
- Intern works with Bass Coast Regional Health and the Wonthaggi Medical Group general practice
- 3 interns across the year from January 2008 to January 2009 (equivalent to 1 EFT)
- 5 terms
 - 2 interns for 2 terms (22 and 20 weeks)
 - 1 intern for 1 term (10 weeks)

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Where the intern is working

Wonthaggi Medical Group general practice

- 14 general practitioners
- Provides GP services in Wonthaggi and Inverloch
- 46,000 patient visits per year
- Already an accredited general practice training practice for GP registrar training with the regional training provider GetGP

Where the intern is working (2)

Bass Coast Regional Health

Acute hospital services

- 53 beds – Medical, Surgical, Obstetric, Paediatric
- Emergency
- Haemodialysis
- Residential Aged Care
 - 60 high care, 29 low care be, low care respite
- Community based services
 - District nursing, Allied health, Community Rehabilitation, Family Services

Service profile - BCRH

- 7,000 inpatients
- 3,100 WIES
- 10,000 Emergency attendances
- 85,000 occasions of services for non-admitted patients

Intern Role

- Taking patient history & formulating management plan
- Writing progress notes
- Formulate strategy for investigations and interpret results
- Develop medication plan
- Work within multidisciplinary team

All work is under supervision

What is the intern doing?..

- 4 week 'rolling' roster
- Time is shared between the general practice clinic and the hospital
- General practice consultations – wave model
- Theatre
 - Assisting with anaesthetics
 - Assisting surgeons – general surgery, orthopaedics, urology, ENT, colorectal surgery
 - Participating in multidisciplinary hospital clinics – continence, cardiac rehabilitation, diabetes

Supervision

- Program Supervisor – education sessions and key contact
- GP supervisor
- Other VMOs – anaesthetists and surgeons in theatre

Education

- Videoconferences with Peninsula Health – links in with the intern program on a weekly basis
- Education sessions with GPs
- One on one sessions with the program supervisor

Benefits

- Broad range of clinical experience
- Opportunities++ to participate in hand's on procedural medicine in the practice and hospital
- Exposure to what it is to be a rural GP and work in small rural hospital
- Appreciation of continuity of care – between primary setting and hospital
- Exposure to range of community based supports and multidisciplinary care

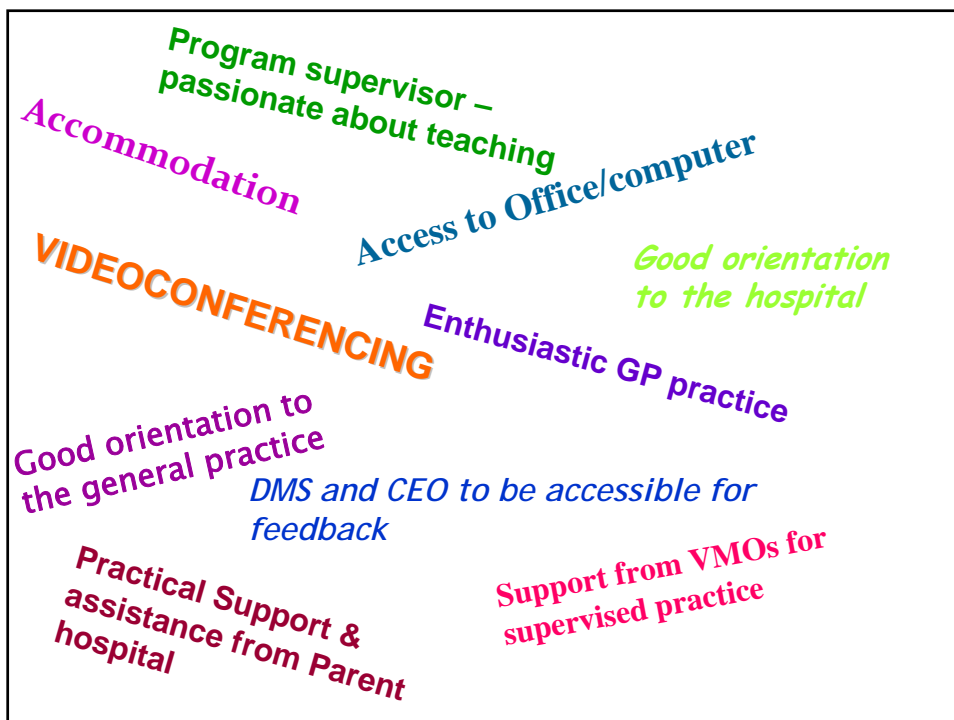


Feedback from the current Intern..

- "Very hands on role"
- "Good experience in anaesthetics and surgery"
- "By end of placement will have done more than 200 laryngeal masks and more than 20 intubations."
- "Seeing 'own' patients in GP clinic"
- "This week, saw patients in the GP clinic, scrubbed for anaesthetics and assisted for patients seen in the clinic and will see again next week, back in the clinic"



What do you need to run the Intern Program?



Where to from here?

- Program evaluation at the end of the first year
- Continuation of the program in 2009 - ? a second intern
- Possibly a PGY2 in 2009 as well
- Commencement of medical student training in 2009