



PGPPP with VMA

PGPPP is offered to PGY2+ doctors on 10-13 week placements throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Program aims and objectives

The program objective is to provide professional, well supervised and educational general practice placements for junior doctors as part of their training.

The aims are three-fold:

- Build junior doctors' confidence, exposure and interest in working in outer metropolitan, regional and rural areas through supervised general practice placements of varying duration, approximately 10-13 weeks with VMA.
- Increase understanding of the integration between hospital and community based health care by junior doctors
- Provide an experience that will encourage junior doctors to take up general practice as a career.

What are the benefits for prevocational doctors?

- Real life experience in general practice over and above that of undergraduate training
- Ongoing and personal mentoring by reputable and dedicated GPs
- Direct patient contact with responsibility for your own patients
- Enhanced understanding of the Australian health care system
- Great networking opportunities
- Increased confidence and independence to take into future training and work environments

Eligibility to apply to the program

The target group for this initiative is prevocational junior doctors undertaking hospital training but not yet enrolled in a speciality. Doctors undertaking PGPPP rotations are under no obligation to enter the GP Training program.

- PGY2+ doctors will need to have full General Registration
- Specific conditions apply to overseas trained doctors and overseas medical graduates of Australian universities.
- For complete eligibility requirements please contact VMA



VMA GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING

2011 VMA PGPPP placements

All VMA placements are for PGY2+ doctors

Feeder Hospital	Practice
Angliss Hospital (Upper Ferntree Gully)	Lysterfield and Rowville Wellness on Wellington
Austin Hospital (Heidelberg)	West Heidelberg Medical Centre
Austin Hospital (Heidelberg)	Preston Family Medical Practice
Royal Melbourne Hospital	Coburg Central Medical Clinic
Northern Hospital (Epping)	Family Medical Centre, Sunbury
Northern Hospital (Epping)	Coolaroo Clinic
Frankston Hospital	Eramosa Family Medical Centre
Monash Medical Centre (Clayton)	Cranbourne Stawell Clinic
Western Hospital (Footscray)	Westcare Medical Centre

A quality training experience

All training is based on the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) curricula and this has been scoped and tailored to meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors.

For further information on the PGPPP with the VMA

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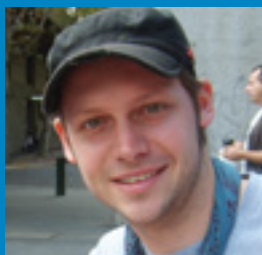


Experience general practice first hand in a well supported setting with great supervision and quality education.

National Overview

The Prevocational General Practice Placements program (PGPPP) allows doctors in postgraduate years one to three (PGY 1-3) to experience general practice first hand. The PGPPP provides first-hand experience in primary health care with high quality training opportunities for junior doctors in rural, regional and outer metropolitan settings.

Participants undertake placements that are supervised by highly experienced, supportive medical practitioners. Under the program, hospital based, PGY 1-3 doctors are able to gain experience in general practice during their hospital time. This is through a 10 or 12 week placement for PGY 1 doctors and a 10, 12 or 13 week placement for PGY 2+ doctors. The program is funded under a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, and managed by General Practice Education and Training (GPET). A number of organisations work together to deliver the PGPPP. In Victoria, all four Regional Training Providers of GP Training, including VMA, are PGPPP "Providers" and administer PGPPP on behalf of GPET.



For Brendan, his experience in general practice was everything and more that he had envisaged, "I felt very well supported throughout my placement and I learnt so much," he says.

"On a PGPPP rotation, you essentially work as a junior trainee. It was a really character-building experience – I feel the responsibility for making important, independent decisions helped me mature as a young doctor. I really enjoyed the autonomy, though well supported, being able to independently manage patients from a primary care perspective was a definite highlight," Brendan says.

Brendan Fitzgerald, Family Medical Centre, Sunbury, 2010



How PGPPP placements work

Patients

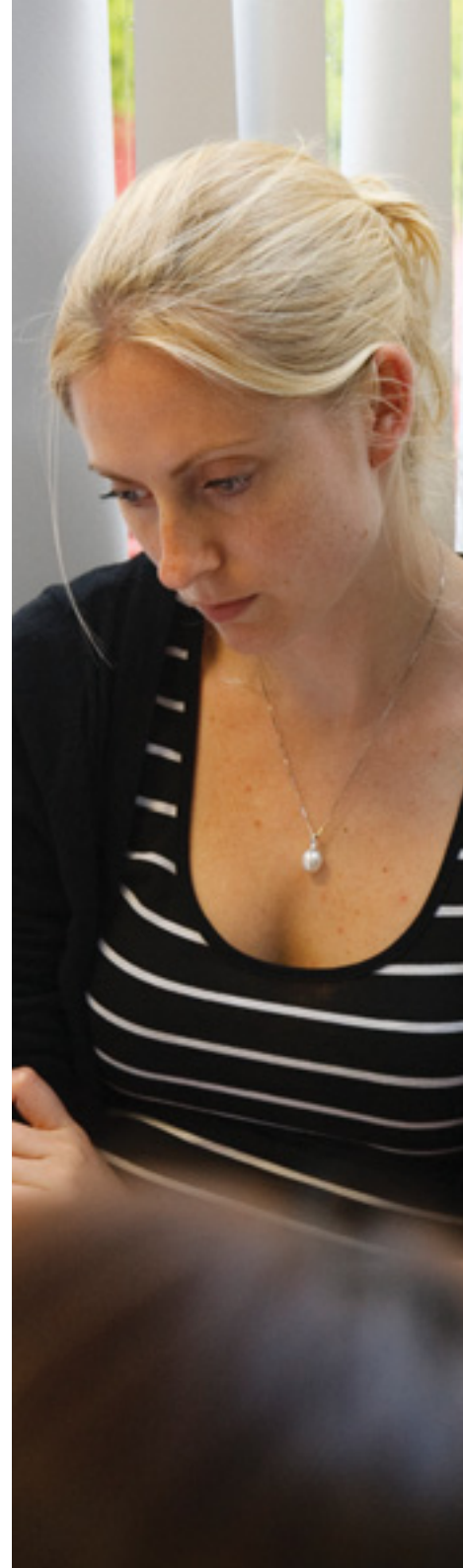
The General Practice placement should provide you with an opportunity to manage a variety of patients in a highly supportive clinical setting. A Junior Doctor should anticipate a patient case load of 40 to 70 patients per week, with initial bookings of one to two patients per hour.

Supervision

There is always an experienced GP supervisor on site. Junior doctors can make their own diagnosis and management decisions and look after their own patients with advice from their supervisor as needed.

Teaching

Formal teaching occurs for 6 hours each week. There are also many informal teaching episodes and opportunities to observe allied health professionals on the job according to each individual doctor's learning needs.



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"Everyone at the practice was fantastic about answering my many questions and pointing me in the right direction. There was always a more senior doctor available and each had their own area of expertise, which allowed me to broaden my knowledge in many different fields," Violeta says.

"I would definitely recommend a PGPPP rotation to anyone if they are looking for something a little bit different and challenging. It certainly opens your eyes to the diversity of general practice and gives you an appreciation of all the GP's out there," she says.

Violeta Ananieva, Coolaroo Clinic, Broadmeadows, 2010.

