VicREN - Education

The Department of General Practice and Primary Care is committed to enhancing general practice through excellent education that engages with the community and the wider health care system.

Each year we coordinate around 1,300 Doctor of Medicine (MD) student placements in general practice clinics throughout Victoria.

We strongly promote a ‘whole of practice’ approach to learning. Practices may wish to consider putting forward multiple GP supervisors and students are encouraged to spend time with various other clinical and non-clinical staff in the clinic.

MD students at the University of Melbourne undertake general practice placements throughout the course:

MD Year 1: Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship

This placement exposes students early to the intrinsic role that general practice plays in the health care system. Students attend the same practice for thirteen days across their first year.

MD Year 2: Ambulatory Care (AC)

The aim of the Ambulatory Care (AC) term is to provide students with an understanding of non-ward-based health care. Students undertake a four day placement in general practice.

MD Year 3: GP Block Rotation (GPB)

The six-week rotation is the main opportunity for students to learn about the theoretical underpinnings of General Practice as a distinct specialist discipline. Students are encouraged to participate in all practice activities.

MD Year 4: Research Project (MDRP)

Students undertake a research project in the first semester of their final year and students undertaking their research in the Department do five days clinical placement.

MD Year 4: Vocational Selective (VS)

Students attend full-time for a four-week block. The Vocational Selective allows students who have almost finished their medical course to explore an area of clinical practice in which they think they might like to develop a career.

For more information, visit http://go.unimelb.edu.au/52xr

Benefits

Practices will be eligible to claim the teaching Practice Incentive Payment.

All GP Supervisors receive training to enrich the educational quality of general practice placements for our students.

Interested?

Further information can be found here: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/52xr

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