VicREN stimulates interdisciplinary research to improve health and health care for people and communities.

VicREN aims to:
- support collaborative practice-based primary care research that makes a difference to health outcomes and care
- provide primary care providers with opportunity to engage in research, access research expertise and other opportunities
- provide Department of General Practice researchers with access to practitioners’ expertise.

Why VicREN is important
Most health research occurs in hospitals or labs, yet most people receive most of their care in primary or community care settings.

Primary care related research can inform policy, practice and quality improvements.

VicREN enables collaboration between primary and community health providers and researchers.

What does VicREN do for primary care research?
VicREN members have opportunity to learn more about research and contribute to research projects that make a difference to practice, public health, and policy.

VicREN links primary care practitioners who have a research interest with academic staff with experience in primary care research.

Since 2006, the VicREN team have developed expertise in implementing research in the primary care setting and recruiting both practitioners and patients for primary care research, without compromising or interrupting clinical care.

Data for Decisions
We invite interested practices to partner with us in Data for Decisions, our e-research network (no obligation).

Learn more at
http://go.unimelb.edu.au/kx2r

For more information, visit www.gp.unimelb.edu.au/vicren

More information
Membership is free and without obligation
Communication is by regular e-bulletins and emails
Networking events are normally at the University of Melbourne and web enabled when possible
Discounted registration to courses
Become a member at http://go.unimelb.edu.au/kx2r

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VicREN- Education

The Department of General Practice 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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