

What's On?

June 13

OSCE* - Summative Exam

**OSCE-(Objective Structured Clinical Examination)*

Student Seminar Series

April 27

-First Recorded Pregnancy After IVF Using Electrophoretically Isolated Spermatozoa – *Romina Ilad*

-Special Delivery from the Storks Beak – *Libby Brewer*

May 18

-Allied Health Like You More Than Nurses – *Shahab Shirazi*
-Morphine in Palliative Care – Is It Best Practice, Euthanasia or Murder? – *Justine Calleja*

June 8

- Street Medicine- *Peter Bright*

GSM Committee Dates for April, May, June and July.

Please see the table opposite for details.

Contributions to this newsletter regarding GSM centred events are both welcome and encouraged.

Please submit via email to Jenni Broadhead (jb@uow.edu.au)

A Note From the Dean

Professor Liz. Farmer

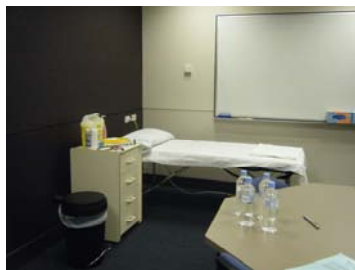
First formative OSCE a success

On 27th March 2009 the GSM presented the first OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) in its history. Four rotations of six stations each involving patient volunteers, staff and clinical academics were provided for all students in a major logistic exercise. Offices and tutorial rooms all around our building were transformed into clinical "stations".

The Vice Chancellor attended the School to view the proceedings and was impressed with the planning and delivery.

By all accounts it was well organised and gave students a valuable insight into the requirements for their first major summative hurdle a 13 station OSCE to be offered on 13th June 2009.

Room set up for OSCE Assessment



As with all major exercises of this nature it was also a great learning opportunity for staff and many good ideas have come out of the exercise to support and enhance the smooth running of the summative examination.

GSM would like to thank all the doctors and patients who gave up their valuable time to assist us on the day.

Please watch out for calls for assistance with the summative examination which will be coming out shortly!

The summative OSCE marks the end of the Phase 2 rotations for our first cohort. Soon they will be going out to the foundation Phase 3 longitudinal community based attachments in seven sites across NSW. More on this exciting initiative in the next newsletter!

GSM Committee Meetings for February, March and April & May 2009

Committee	Time	April	May	June	July
Assessment	12:00-1:30pm	20	TBA	1	6
Clinical Academic Appointment	5:30-6:30pm	22	20	24	23
CTLC– Illawarra (Wollongong Hospital)	4:30pm	16		18	
CTLC– Shoalhaven(Shoalhaven Hospital)	7:30am		27		29
Curriculum	8:30-10:00am	2		11	
Executive	8:30-10:00am	16		18	
Phase 1	8:30-10:00am		14		16
Phase 2	10:30-12:00pm	17	15	19	17
Phase 3	8:30-10:00am	23	21	25	23
Phase 4	8:30-10:00am			12	
Quality Assurance & Evaluation	9:00-10:00am	30			2
Research	9:00-10:00am		7		9

Techno Talk

Dr Shane Dawson

Academic Leader: Ed Development, Quality Assurance and Evaluation

Web 2.0 technologies have arrived and the GSM is capitalising on the novel ways students can interact, personalise and network online. The GSM is currently trialling technologies such as social networking and blogs to provide the necessary resources our Phase 3 students will require when on longer term placements. Using a tool called "Elgg" students will be able to easily generate their own interest groups, share information and experiences amongst fellow peers and maintain virtual connections with the GSM and each other. Importantly, our teaching staff will be able to more readily personalise learning activities for students as they engage with the medical education program.



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Patient Simulators in the Medical Course: Sharing Experiences with UK Visitor

Professor Nicky Hudson, Theme Leader Clinical Competency, Professor, Community-Based Health Education

Professor Stark (pictured below with some of the skills team) gave a seminar on her experiences of the 'Patient as Educators' Programme at the University of Sheffield Medical School. Isabelle Potter and Judy Hayes, the Wollongong and Shoalhaven Patient Volunteer Coordinators respectively, were able to share with Patsy their experiences with the successful GSM patient volunteer programme in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions. Many of our community members have been making an important contribution to the medical students' professional development, acting as simulated patients in our teaching and assessment programme. The next step is to recruit patients with a range of conditions so students can recognise their physical signs and appreciate the patients' perspective on health and illness. Please contact Isabelle (ipotter@uow.edu.au) or Judy (judyh@uow.edu.au) if you wish to join the patient volunteer programme. You can simulate a patient role or play yourself!



Names of participants from left to right

Sue Vella, Kathryn Rhodes (seated), Jo Otero, Jenny Tompson, Isabelle Potter, Professor Patsy Stark (seated), Judy Hayes, Dr. Sal Sanzone

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Attachment at Wollongong Hospital

Jenny Deura- Acting Manager, Clinical Placement, Wollongong

During Phase 1 of their course, students attend a clinical attachment at the Hospital for one afternoon per month in small groups of four or five. These groups are then taken for bedside tutorials on the wards. Each small group has a Preceptor and, in order to provide diversity of experience, students will have a different Preceptor for the second half of the Phase.

The Preceptors that have currently agreed to work with our students have diverse backgrounds and interests. If you are interested in teaching and would like to become a preceptor, please contact Jenny Deura, Acting Manager, Clinical Placements (Wollongong), via email jennyd@uow.edu.au or phone:4253 4839. This involves a few hours of your time, and is scheduled well in advance.

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Library News and Updates

Looking for medical resources in a nutshell? Why not take a look at our new 'Medicine' guide available at

<http://uow.libguides.com/medicine>

This guide outlines key resources such as books, journals, databases and websites relevant to Medicine and available to UOW staff and students. We've also included search tips and other helpful hints to help you in using our resources. Your feedback is greatly appreciated so please let us know what you think about this new guide by sending me an email:

jen_lyons@uow.edu.au

Featured resource of the month – BMJ Clinical Evidence:

Brought to you by the publishers of BMJ (British Medical Journal), the *BMJ Clinical Evidence* database helps support busy clinicians by providing them with access to the latest evidence to help inform treatment decisions. Treatments for over 250 clinical conditions have been evaluated and summarised, outlining the various benefits and harms, to assist in the provision of patient-centred care.

To access this great resource, visit our Medicine guide at <http://uow.libguides.com/medicine> - click on the 'BMJ Clinical Evidence' link and enter your UOW email username and password when prompted for a login.

For help with our Library resources, please contact Jen Lyons, Medical Librarian on (02) 4221 5595 or email:

jen_lyons@uow.edu.au



GSM Librarians Nadine Clark (left) and Jen Lyons (right)

Clinical Academic Profile

Dr Christopher Dunn



Dr Christopher Dunn began his medical career when he enrolled in the new Medical School at the University of New South Wales. He was a member of the second intake and experienced a brand new Medical School environment. After graduating early in 1968, he soon realised his ambition was to be a Consultant Physician.

He spent a year working at The Wollongong Hospital as the Medical Registrar where he had an incredible exposure to multiple medical problems.

Because of his love of the Wollongong area, he returned in 1974 after completing his Physician training. His training was mainly in Thoracic Medicine, but because of the lack of Physicians in the area, he has worked as a General Physician and enjoyed every moment.

At present he is the Director of Physician Training at Wollongong Hospital and is actively involved in post graduate teaching. He is also actively involved with the teaching of GSM students.

Two of his daughters have graduated from the University of Wollongong. One, with an Arts/Law degree, is now an opera singer, and the other, with a Bachelor of Science, and is a marine biologist.

His main medical interests are in respiratory physiology and COPD.

Outside of medicine his interests include sailing, SCUBA diving, photography and trying to get computers to work properly.

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International Interviews.

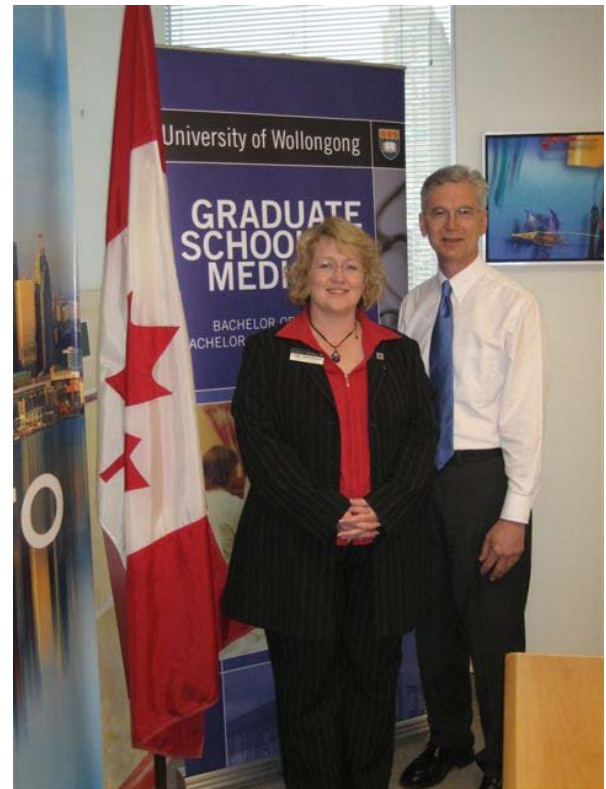
The GSM Academic Leader Admissions and Selection, Associate Professor Lyndal Parker-Newlyn, left our shores bound for Canada on 3rd April to interview candidates vying for the 12 International places available in our programme in 2010.

This trip sees Lyndal interviewing candidates in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Washington and Denver, a total of 6 days of interviews. Despite the economic downturn worldwide, our applicant numbers have increased on last year and we are expecting greater competition for 2010 than ever before.

To ensure an equitable and transparent process, all international applicants have submitted Admissions Portfolios which have been scored by the GSM, and academic transcripts from recognised Universities, which have been assessed by Uniadvise. They have also successfully completed an external qualifying examination – either GAMSAT or MCAT. This information indicates that once again, the high calibre of candidates will ensure a competitive process, thus enabling us to recruit students who meet the vision for the School academically and professionally.

During the three weeks Lyndal is away, her role will also be to promote the GSM, meeting with AustraLearn (the GSM agents in North America) and giving them programme updates. She will also hold talks with various North American universities, increasing their awareness of UOW GSM as an alternative destination for those students wishing to pursue medicine offshore. This will include the Universities of British Columbia, Colorado and Toronto, and McGill, George Washington and McMaster Universities.

A very important aspect of the trip will see Lyndal holding meetings with key organisations to facilitate the successful integration of UOW graduates on their return home. These discussions will take place with the Medical Council of Canada, the residency matching bodies in the US and Canada (CARMs and NRMP) Health Force Ontario, Australian Education International and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates in Philadelphia, PA. She will also be representing UOW at the formal ANZAC day ceremonies at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. Associate Professor Parker-Newlyn will be back in Australia on 28th April and will be updating the Dean and senior staff on her extensive overseas business on her return.



Stefan Trofimov, Australian Trade Commissioner and Consul-General in Toronto with Associate Professor Lyndal Parker-Newlyn- Toronto 2008



Kevin Lamb, Australian Consul in Vancouver and Associate Professor Lyndal Parker-Newlyn, Anzac Day 2008

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Student News

Med Camp 2009

After an intense first week many of our new students made their way down to beautiful Fitzroy Falls for a relaxing weekend where getting to know each other was the only "learning objective". The event, hosted by WUMSS (the student Medical Society), saw over 100 students brave the searing heat to make the most of workshops, parties, and all the other activities on offer. The weekend was an absolute blast and apart from some acute sleep loss, everyone made it back safe and sound for class Monday morning.



Yolante Eeles and Teena Downton practicing their suturing at Med. Camp

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Student Seminar Series (SSS)



Being a graduate school means many UOW GSM students have interesting and relevant life experiences to share. The SSS makes that happen. Each month (usually on a Monday at 12:30pm) two half hour presentations on a variety of topics take place. In the past year we've had presentations on everything from caffeine to cancer research, and even progressed into more personal accounts of things like medicine in the military and what it's like to live with coeliac disease.

An extremely informative, engaging event, we welcome anyone interested in attending to join us. See the events listing for the next series.

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Bairo Pite Clinic – Dili, East Timor

As part of an ongoing relationship, six students from our Global Health Group left just after Christmas for Timor, packed with medical supplies and medications. They spent the better part of 3 weeks working in a range of capacities at the Bairo Pite Clinic, a multi-purpose facility that sees over 400 patients a day free of charge. The clinic operates entirely off donations. Thanks to student lead efforts, over \$3000 was donated to the clinic which is now being put to good use.

The students were exposed to a variety of diseases with TB being especially prevalent. It is our intent to continue to support the hospital as best we can and hopefully send additional teams in the future. For further information or to support our fundraising efforts please contact us at:

president@wumss.org.au.



Left to right: Clinic nurse, Gabi James, Kim Bruce, Dr Dan Murphy (Founder of the Bairo Pite Clinic), Katie Wagner, Cindy Casado, Jeremy Norton, Kirsten Williamson.

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Shoalhaven Students go Back to School

Jarrod Alkemade



On the 18th of March, ten 2nd year medical students from the GSM had the opportunity to answer some questions from Nowra Christian Schools' Year 4 Class who have been studying 'The Human Body'. The year 4 students were keen to ask questions ranging from 'How many veins are there in the human body?', 'Why do you want to be a doctor?' to 'What happens when you vomit?'. After the medical students fielded those and some very tricky questions, we used the remaining time to demonstrate some simple medical procedures including blood pressure measurement, mouth examination, hearing and temperature, and also some very basic CPR. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for making it any informative and fun morning at Nowra Christian School.

Rural and Regional Training for the UOW Phase 3 Programme

In February 2009, the Community Based Health Education team at the GSM commenced Faculty Development and training activities for GP preceptors, hospital based clinicians and Practice Managers in our rural and regional clinical training sites to prepare them for upcoming Phase 3 placements.

The training module 'Developing Extended Clinical Competence in Students' provided GP preceptors and other clinicians with information regarding clinical education at the GSM, along with effective strategies for 'Teaching in your Practice' and tracking the student's personal and professional development. Similarly, Practice Managers training has enabled the GSM to recognise the contribution Practice Managers make in facilitating student placements in a community setting. This has also provided Practice Managers with the opportunity to access additional information on the Phase 3 Programme, and share and reflect on strategies for managing the student placement.

Training has now been conducted in the Southern Highlands, Mudgee, Broken Hill and the Illawarra. Over coming months, training will also take place in the Shoalhaven, Milton / Ulladulla, the North Coast and the Murrumbidgee.

For further information, Please contact Belinda Smith, Manager Community Based Health Education on 02 4221 5136 or at bsmith@uow.edu.au.

Patient Volunteer News

ATTENTION !

Put this in your diary:

PATIENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR OSCE

13th June 2009

- SEEKING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST -

An "Objective Structured Clinical Examinations" (OSCE) is a practical assessment, consisting of a number of stations which each student has to complete. The Phase 2 Summative OSCE will take place at the Graduate School of Medicine, Wollongong campus on Saturday 13th June this year.

We require volunteers for the stations which deal with consultation or physical examination skills. The volunteers will play the part of a patient and will also be involved in the grading process, by awarding part of the final mark.

Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to apply. We are particularly interested to hear from men and women between the ages of 20 to 55.

Upon the release of the exam questions to the volunteer coordinators, we will select volunteers who best match the case studies. We will provide comprehensive training to each volunteer involved in the OSCE.

Further details will be available as planning progresses.

If you would like to register your interest, please contact:

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Patient Volunteers preparing for OSCE assessment