

Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

The Skillful General Practitioner

The Department of General Practice

15th to 17th May, 2013

Forthcoming Notice – The Department of General Practice proudly announces a three day international conference in the beautiful Italian City of Prato, Tuscany, 15th to 17th May, 2013. The Skillful GP is a conference around three intertwined and related themes that will be relevant for any GP.

These themes we have referred to as the three “C’s” and are listed below:

- The Contemporary Doctor
- The Careful Doctor
- The Compassionate Doctor

The conference will deliver innovative insights to assist general practitioners to meet these challenges of modern practice.

The Contemporary Doctor theme will explore the treatment of new epidemics specifically the efficient and effective management of chronic illness. The Careful Doctor theme will look at diagnostic and therapeutic skills (including “hands on” workshops). The Compassionate Doctor theme will increase knowledge and expertise in mindfulness for practitioner wellbeing and sustainable performance.

This activity (765977) has been approved for 30 category 2 points in the RACGP QI&CPD program.

Keynote Speakers



Professor Michael Kidd is a general practitioner, primary care researcher

and executive dean of the faculty of health sciences at Flinders University. He is the incoming president of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) and a past president of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.



Associate Professor John Dixon is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow,

combining positions at Monash University and the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, Australia. John is a member of the scientific advisory board of Obesity Australia, was president of the Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society (2007-2009)



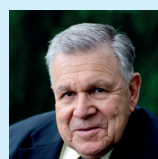
Professor Grant Russell is a GP and the Head of School of Primary Health Care

at Monash University He is the inaugural Director of the Southern Academic Primary Care Research Unit, a research unit that aims to improve linkage and exchange between academia, policy and practice in one of Victoria’s most disadvantaged urban regions. His research focussed on health care reform and its impact on patients and those who care for them.



Professor Danielle Mazza is the Head of Department of General Practice in

the School of Primary Health Care at Monash University. She is the author of Women’s Health in General Practice and leads a program of translational research that is focused on the early diagnosis of cancer and improving the delivery and uptake of preventive care in the general practice setting.



Professor John Murtagh, “The GP’s Hero”. (Survey conducted by Medical Observer, July 2012) Author of Murtagh’s General Practice.



Professor Jan De Maeseneer is head of the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care of Ghent University. His research at the university focuses on Education, Health Promotion, Health Inequity, Health Services Research and Global Health. He published more than 100 articles in scientific journals.



Dr Craig Hassed, renowned speaker and multiple author. Craig’s books include, “The Essence of Health” and “Mindfulness for Life”.



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In and around Prato

Prato is a small Tuscan city, with a beautiful historic centre and a vibrant cultural life. Famous for its textile industry, the city has a population of 190,000 inhabitants, a growing percentage of whom are immigrants from mainland China, the Indian sub-continent, north and west Africa and elsewhere.

Prato has a rich historical and artistic patrimony, including a mid-13th century castle built by the Hohenstaufen Emperors, almost perfectly preserved medieval walls which enclose the ancient city centre, a Romanesque cum Gothic cathedral dedicated to Santo Stefano with an external pulpit by Donatello and Michelozzo, the church of Santa Maria delle Carceri by Giuliano da Sangallo, and the well preserved Palazzo Datini, the late 14th century home of the famous 'Merchant of Prato', Francesco Datini.

The city is also home to the prestigious Contemporary Art Centre 'Luigi Pecci' and to many theatres, including the highly acclaimed avant-garde Metastasio Theatre.

Yet to be transformed by mass tourism, Prato provides a perfect environment for immersion in Italian language and culture. Its major sights are predominantly located with the town's medieval walls and in easy walking distance of the Monash Centre.

The Province of Prato embraces some magnificent countryside, which is well worth visiting. South of Prato lie the towns of Artimino, Poggio a Caiano (with its famous Medici Villa), and Carmignano, an area famous for the production of DOC and DOCG wines and extra virgin olive oil. To the north there are the picturesque mountain towns of Vaiano and Vernio. The Prato Tourist Bureau can also provide information on archaeological, walking.

Prato is regularly connected by train to Florence (30 mins), Pistoia (20 mins), Pisa (1.5hrs), Lucca (1 hour) and Versilia (1.5hrs). For information regarding trains see the Trenitalia website.



Workshop Leaders



Dr Peter Barton is a senior lecturer in the department of general practice at Monash University and a GP in Mount Waverley. His special interests are in communication skills, resuscitation and medical education.



A/Professor Maurice Brygel is a General Surgeon with extensive experience in conducting programmes for general practitioners. He will be delivering 'hands on' workshops in surgical office skills. Pre-reading is available at www.hernia.net.au.



Senior Lecturer and Year 4 GP Coordinator Monash University
Dr Dennis O'Connor is a general practitioner in the regional Victorian city of Bendigo working at the Bendigo Primary Care Centre and Monash University's Bendigo Regional. He has completed post graduate studies in musculoskeletal medicine and Health Professional Education. Dr O'Connor will be delivering "hands on" workshops in emergency medicine.



Looking forward to seeing you all in Prato!

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Register online:

www.generalpracticeconference.com/GPC/Registration.html

The conference will offer a programme of hands-on workshops.