

Centre for General Practice, University of Qld

Highlights

Primary Care Novice Research Fellowships

- 30 – 40 enquiries; 13 applications; 4 Fellowships awarded
- 1 day / week for 9 months, senior lecturer level

Summer Scholarships

- \$2000 offered to 2nd year MBBS students for doing a systematic review in summer holidays
- 7 enquiries, 5 applications, all awarded scholarship, 2 withdrew
- evaluation – increased interest/appreciation for GP & PHC research

EBM Teacher Training workshop

- funded separately
- high levels of satisfaction
- opportunities for ongoing collaboration – establishment of EBPC Network (headed by Lyndal Trevena), validated instrument for measuring knowledge, skills & attitudes – means of evaluating outcomes of EBP activities

Research "clinics"

- Primary care clinicians receive one-on-one research mentoring support
- approx. 10 clinicians have attended clinic (GPs, psychologist, OT)
- outcomes – 1 PHC-RED / NHMRC Post-Doc application; potential applicants for UQ Fellowships

Collaborations

- Divisions of General Practice - joint development & promotion EBP Clinical Audit and Small Group resources
- Intradepartmental - adaptation of existing GHSP Critical Thinking course for Divisional education activity (at the instigation of the Division)

Inter-institution

- joint publication (in progress)

GP & PHC Research Conference 2002

- excellent networking opportunity, new ideas, reminder "national" program

Difficulties & Issues

Disparate agendas

- Research not necessarily on Divisions agenda / in their business plan – more success when Divisions have made contact because of specific need
- Saturation point reached with EBP workshops

Communication (SBO, Divisions, Dept Health & Ageing)

- Key contact staff member leaves – resulting gap in corporate memory etc, and planned activities

"Tyranny of distance" - Qld Tripartite

- Difficulty of communication via phone and email only

Funding issues

- Large UQ Rural Clinical School but no PHC-RED funds to support research activities

Opportunities

0.5 FTE Research Fellow Appointment

- "Role model" GP research & provide opportunities for participation in research

National IMET workshop (11/11/02)

- opportunities for establishing ongoing inter-institutional collaborations