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**VICTORIAN MEDICAL POSTGRADUATE FOUNDATION:** The **2012 Needs Assessment Survey** for the Country Education Program is now available online. VMPF is looking forward to hearing feedback from the Kerang Region!

Complete the survey online by clicking on the following link and entering responses online <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Kerang2012> by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011**.

If you would prefer to complete a copy of the PDF Version, please contact **Daria Atkinson** ([datkinson@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:datkinson@mpdgp.com.au)). The PDF Version enables you to enter your responses using the computer or by printing the survey and handwriting responses. Your responses can then be faxed, mailed or emailed to VMPF.

**\*Please note: answers cannot be saved onto the PDF.**

### ATTENTION ALL PRACTICE MANAGERS

Please contact Sally May at the Division: [smay@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:smay@mpdgp.com.au) with the names and dates of any Medical Students you have had in the Practice in the last few months, or if you are aware of any in the coming months.



### SPOUSE/PARTNER EDUCATION & TRAINING GRANT – FINANCIAL YEAR 2011-2012

The Rural Medical Family Network, Inc. (RMFN) is pleased to offer grants to assist rural or remote medical spouses or partners wishing to undertake further education or training.

Any spouse or partner (of a doctor) living in a rural or remote area of Victoria located within RA 2-5 (RRMA 4-7) localities may apply. In some cases, spouses who live in RRMA 3 and cross border localities may be eligible).

This grant is also available to any spouse or partner of a rural medical specialist, dentist or pharmacist living in a rural or remote area of Victoria located within RA 2-5 (RRMA 4-7) localities.

The Guidelines and Application Form can be obtained from the RMFN website at [www.rmfn-vic.com](http://www.rmfn-vic.com) APPLICATIONS will be received continuously throughout the financial year until 31 May 2012.

### ENROLMENT FOR RACGP 2012.1 AND 2012.2 EXAMINATIONS

RACGP enrolment intakes for the 2012.1 and 2012.2 examinations will commence 9.00 am (AEST) Monday 19 September 2011 and close 5.00 pm (AEDT) Friday 11 November 2011. A further enrolment intake for 2012.2 examinations will be available at a later date. Intending practice eligible applicants who require recognition of their overseas and/or Australian general practice experience must have their application for recognition of general practice postmarked by Friday 30 September 2011 to be considered for enrolment during this exam enrolment period. For further information on the RACGP examinations please visit [www.racgp.org.au/assessment/examination](http://www.racgp.org.au/assessment/examination).



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## CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS IN PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH:



Working effectively with women and their families from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds

The VTPU has developed a one day face-to-face training package to assist all professionals working in the area of perinatal health to better engage with women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and their families around perinatal depression. For training dates and venues and more information please refer to the flyer below. Training at Bendigo on 14 November 2011 at BEST Community Development, Bendigo. There is no cost for this training.

To register, contact Kate Fagnani at [kate.fagnani@svhm.org.au](mailto:kate.fagnani@svhm.org.au) telephone 03 9288 3300, or go to [www.vtpu.org.au/contact/feedback](http://www.vtpu.org.au/contact/feedback)

## LIGHTBOX RADIOLOGY EDUCATION

Lightbox Radiology is running a radiology quiz to enable GPs to test out their radiology interpretation skills. Questions will focus on diagnosing pathology in plain film radiographs. The quizzes will appear on the Lightbox Radiology Education facebook events page with answers to be submitted via email to [admin@lightboxradiology.com.au](mailto:admin@lightboxradiology.com.au). The winner of quiz 1 will receive an iPad 2. Entries for quiz 1 close 31 December 2011.



### DID YOU KNOW???

- **Autism Spectrum Disorders** Predicting the prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Of every 10,000 people, current Australian estimates are that 65 would be on the Autism Spectrum, and that 1/10 to 1/11 of these people would be in the 0-5 age range. (Aspect, 2010). Carer Support Services indicated around 500 ASD families known to their service in the Campaspe/Gannawarra, Bendigo and Swan Hill & North region.



## Cultural Responsiveness in Perinatal Mental Health:

### Working Effectively with Women and their Families from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Backgrounds

The Victorian Transcultural Psychiatry Unit (VTPU) is a state-wide service which supports area mental health services and psychiatric disability support services in working with consumers, carers and communities from diverse cultural backgrounds throughout Victoria.

As part of the Victorian response to the National Perinatal Depression Initiative, the VTPU has developed a one day face-to-face training package to assist all professionals working in the area of perinatal health to better engage with women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and their families around perinatal depression.

#### Training will cover:

- Cultural responsiveness
- Working effectively with interpreters
- Cultural formulation in mental health
- Frameworks for understanding perinatal depression across cultures
- Recovery-oriented treatment and referral skills

#### Training Dates and Venues:

Region	Date	Venue
Metropolitan Melbourne	10.10.11 21.10.11 26.10.11 28.10.11	Victorian Transcultural Psychiatry Unit Level 2, Bolte Wing, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Ballarat	08.11.11	Ballarat Mecure Hotel
Bendigo	14.11.11	BEST Community Development, Bendigo
Geelong	03.11.11	Geelong Conference Centre
Traralgon	29.11.11	Traralgon Business Centre
Wangaratta	21.11.11	Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway

#### To register, please contact:

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Or go to [www.vtpu.org.au/contact/feedback](http://www.vtpu.org.au/contact/feedback)

#### Fee:

There will be no costs involved in this training, so please register early to avoid disappointment.