

The General Store (An Interactive Advanced Training Program in General Medicine)

Since September 2009, a program has been running to aid in training for general medicine. It follows similar established programs, such as in neurology (which is called Brain School), and is called “The General Store”.

All registered trainees with the General Medicine SAC in Victoria are invited to participate. The program is sponsored through the RACP using “Attend Anywhere”, a web-based platform. This allows participants to access teaching from any enabled computers wherever they happened to be – work place or home.

Currently the sessions are delivered on Thursday afternoons between 3 and 5pm. The format and content varies each week, including lectures and interactive case discussion. The informal nature allows for a personalised approach, with direct questions and answers, as well as important “gems of wisdom” from experts.

It is specifically aimed at advanced trainees but consultants are also welcome to attend.

Dr Matthew Skinner organises the program and can be contacted on m.skinner@alfred.org.au

We would particularly like your suggestions for improving the program and offers of coordination of topics to presented from the various participating hospitals.