

# The General Practice Pathway

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How do you go from this



to this?



# Some of the how?

- Quality training
- Mentors and role models
- Being able to provide medical education that spans undergraduate to fellowship within the same geographical region

# Medical Students

- University of Melbourne, Deakin and Notre Dame
- Approximately 40 students each and perhaps 14 for Notre Dame
- Medical Undergraduates in rural and regional areas
- Larger emphasis on primary care teaching. Lots of reasons
  - Changing face of public hospital admissions and stays
  - Larger number of medical students
  - Primary Care is where it's at!

# Intern = PGY1

- Not a lot of change
- Purpose is to provide structured/supported experiences that consolidates and extends the theoretical knowledge and technical skills gained as an undergraduate
- The workplace remains the most important learning environment for junior doctors in their postgraduate years
- The BBH has excellent PGY1 positions which are much sort after

# HMO = PGY2.....

- Continue to work through rotations
- Increasing levels of responsibility
- Now an Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors
- Three learning areas
  - Clinical management
  - Communication
  - Professionalism

# Relevance to GP

- Have to do two years in the hospital system as a minimum – PGY1 and PGY2
- Can join Training Program from beginning of PGY2
- Introduction of a new (“old”) term – PGPPP – a GP rotation

# PGPPP

## Pre-vocational General Practice Placements Program

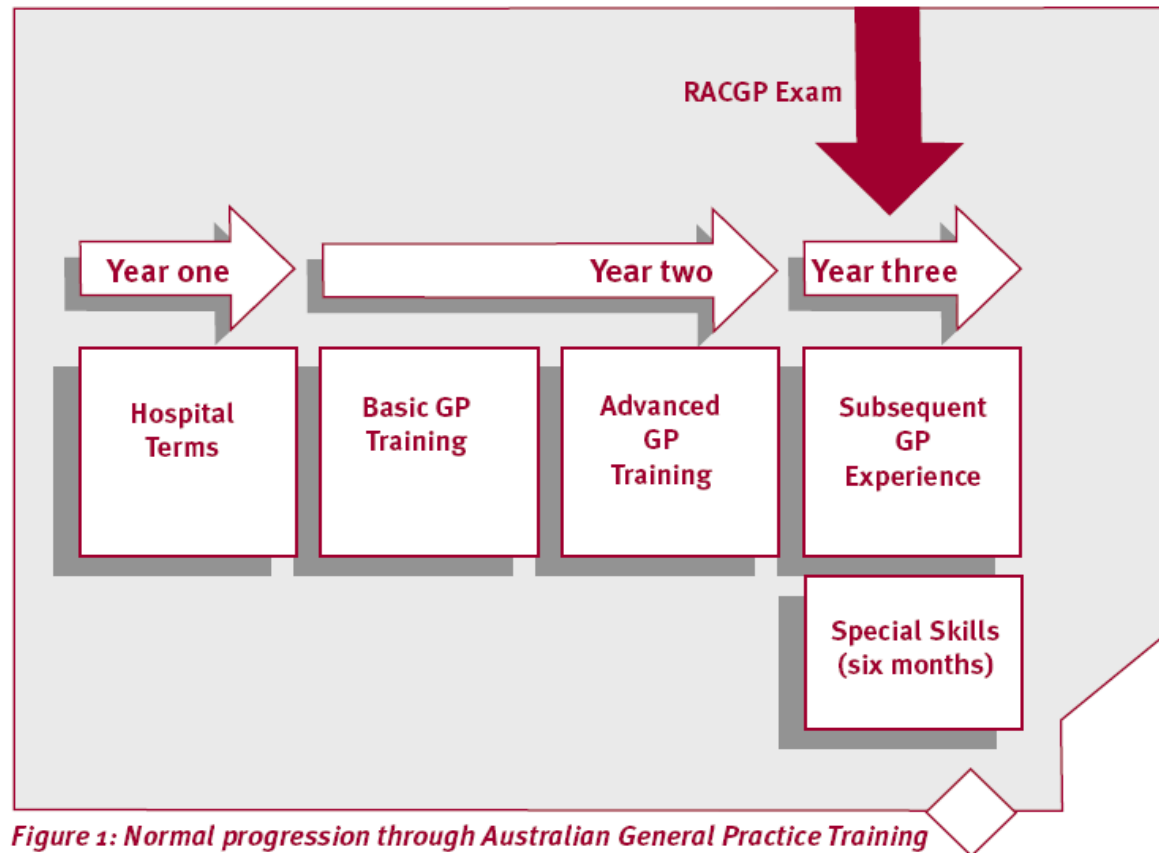
- Junior Doctors undertaking hospital training but not yet enrolled in a specialty
- Includes PGY1 interns, and IMGs (international medical graduates)
- Supervised GP placements

- Average 10 – 12 week rotations
- In our area only Stawell participating out of the Ballarat Health Services (Daylesford and Ararat considering)
- Does not reduce time in GP training
- Perfect opportunity to sell GP to junior doctors

# GP Training – Vic Felix

- Now offer FRACGP and FACCRM
- Three years if general stream
- Four years if Rural (Most of GP time in RRAMA 4 and beyond)
- Currently 3 practices taking registrars in Ballarat – actually 2!
- Also Daylesford and Creswick

# GP Training Flow Chart



*Figure 1: Normal progression through Australian General Practice Training*

# GPET Enhanced Rural Training Framework

## Integration of Enhanced Rural Training within Australian General Practice Training

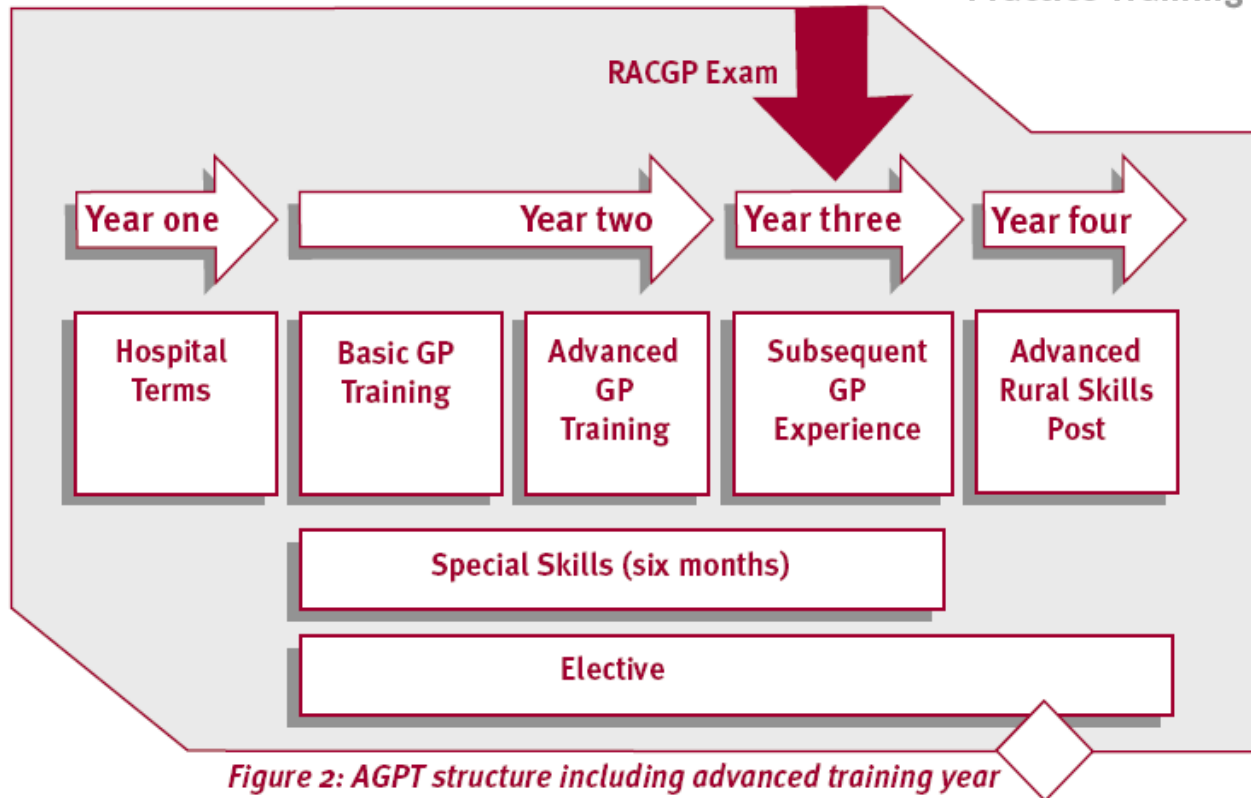


Figure 2: AGPT structure including advanced training year

# Vocational Preparation Program

## ACRRM REGISTRAR

Core Clinical  
Training

12 Months

In an ACRRM Accredited  
Hospital  
Terms:  
General Medicine  
Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Anaesthetics  
General Surgery  
Paediatrics  
Emergency Medicine

Primary Rural and Remote Training

24 Months

In any of the following:  
Rural Hospital  
Aboriginal Medical Service  
Rural Generalist Practice  
RFDS

Advanced Specialised  
Training

12 Months

Up to two (as approved) of the  
following:  
Anaesthetics  
Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Surgery  
Population Health  
Remote Medicine  
Emergency Medicine  
Indigenous Health  
Adult Internal Medicine  
Mental Health  
Paediatrics

# Alternatively.....

