

Participant Information: Best Practice in RTO-Led GP Training

National Collaboration, Regional Expertise, and Shared Goals

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You are invited to extend your participation in this research by:

Attending a 1-hour online or face-to-face focus group (to be determined according to interest and COVID-19 regulations) with a small group of GP trainees and recent Fellows to discuss best practice initiatives in GP training. The focus group will be facilitated by at least one of the Lead Investigators. The discussion will use an Appreciative Inquiry framework, which is based on strengths, achievements, and creativity.

You have been invited to this focus group because of your experience as a GP trainee or recent Fellow in Australian GP training.

The aim and objectives:

Aim: To describe successful aspects of RTO GP training as determined by medical educators, supervisors and trainees/recent Fellows, and to retain and build on best educational practice for a national training program.

Objectives:

- To ensure continuity of the knowledge, practice and wisdom held by RTOs to the national training program model that will be delivered by RACGP from 2023. To identify best-practice opportunities for a regionally tailored national training program.
- To discover and describe RTO educational initiatives that encompass aspects of best practice in five key focus areas.
- To identify opportunities for further development of these initiatives in Profession-led Training.
- To articulate the opportunities for scaling up best practice initiatives in a national model, that takes into account local contexts and expertise.

The findings of the focus group will be analysed with other data collected in the project using methods of synthesis and triangulation to shed light on best practice innovations for GP training in a national model in 2023.

How your information will be managed

The focus group will be held over Zoom and recorded. The recordings will be transcribed by a professional Australian transcription service and destroyed upon completion of the project. Individual participants will not be identified in transcripts, nor in any dissemination of findings.

Your participation rights

You are under no obligation to participate in the project. Whether or not you do take part will have no effect on your relationship with the investigators, your regional training organisation or RACGP. There are no foreseeable risks to you from participating. You may terminate your participation at any time. In this event you would receive compensation for your participation to date. The investigators would continue to analyse any data already collected, unless you believed that this would be harmful to you or another participant.

Reimbursement for your time

We hope that you will find the research process interesting and enjoyable, but you may not benefit directly from taking part in this research. Your time will be reimbursed to \$150p/h by RACGP.

Further information

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of the RACGP. You are free to discuss your participation in this study with **Dr Vasiliadis** (email Sophie.Vasiliadis@racgp.org.au) or leave a message for her to call you back on **(03 8699 0540)**, or any other member of the investigator team. If you would like to speak to an officer of the RACGP not involved in the study, please contact the Human Ethics Coordinator, Gail Roberts on (03) 8699 0385.