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Education

MBBS: Sydney University; graduation January 1980

Diploma in Child Health, Highly commended: 1995

Graduate Diploma in Bioethics: Monash University 2001-2

Programs for Educators in the Health Professions: Harvard Medical International and University of Queensland: 2006

Leaders in Healthcare Education: Harvard Medical International and University of Queensland: 2007

Advanced Paediatric Life Support: 1998 and 2005

Publications

- "Child Health – A Practical Manual for General Practice". Oates, Currow, Hu; 2001
- Significant contribution to "The Complete Parenting Guide – Caring for Your child from Toddler to Teenager". The Children's Hospital at Westmead 2004.
- "Approach to The Febrile Child" – Journal of Emergency Medicine; Browne, Currow

Research

- Review of outcome of all children who had Paracetamol levels measured in CHW Emergency 1997-1999
- 2007: Project for Diploma in Child Health assessing the effectiveness of this course in providing education for doctors who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children or disadvantaged children.
- 2008: Project for DCH as with 2007; but assessing the effectiveness for doctors training in remote and rural pathway.

Employment

Residency and Family Medicine Program training : 1980 - 1983

General Practice : 1983 - 1995

The Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children; The New Children's Hospital at Westmead; The Children's Hospital at Westmead : 1995 – Present:

- Executive Principal DCH Services
- Senior CMO Emergency Department

The University of Sydney:

- Chair of Cambodian Interest Group, Office of Global Health, School of Medicine, University of Sydney - 2007
- Adjunct Associate Professor - 2008

Experience

1. Clinical Experience:

General Practice : 12 years

The Children's Hospital at Westmead - Emergency Department : 13 years

Overseas Adoption Clinic : 10 years

2. International Experience:

Papua New Guinea : Volunteer

Cambodia : Volunteer + Introduced DCH

Diploma in Child Health

- Diploma in Child Health international expansion has included meetings with Hospitals, Government departments, academic institutions and doctors in Hong Kong, Cambodia, China, Vietnam and the Solomon Islands.

3. Committee Membership:

- Emergency Department Management Committee 1995 – 2006
- Kidsnet Committee 1997-2000
- Emergency Department Quality Committee 1997 – 2006
- Clean Hands Campaign Committee 2006
- Member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Committee 1999-2005

- DCH Sub-committee 1996
- Member of the Ambulatory Care Review Committee 1999
- Member of the Medical Education Committee 1997 – present
- Organiser and member of the CHW – GP forum 1998 – 2007
- Member of the CHW Quality Council 2004 - 2006

Medical Education

1. Emergency Department

Supervision and Training

- Supervision of Junior Medical Staff.
- Supervision of Observing Doctors including those undergoing AMEC examinations.
- Informal teaching of Medical Students attending Emergency Department.
- Conduct of education sessions for junior staff as part of regular morning teaching.
- Support for Paediatric Trainees.
- Support for ED Fellows.

2. Ethics

- Participation in regular Ethics Discussion Groups at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Conduct of regular teaching sessions for University of Sydney Medical students for the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health, The Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School.
- Review of articles for Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health prior to publication as required.

3. Australian Paediatric Review Training Program

- 1997 – 2002: Local organisational role in this Australia-wide program from The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

4. Annual Paediatric Update for General Practitioners

- Member of organising committee 1998 – present.
- This program comprises presentations highlighting current “new” information, workshops, case presentations for small group discussion, and a quiz.
- Participation in active teaching in workshops regularly 1998 – present
- Chairing of sessions 1998 - present

5. The Diploma in Child Health

I was invited to become Diploma in Child Health Co-ordinator in 1996 and commenced in January 1997. Initially this involved the day to day conduct of the DCH for house-staff and local GPs and setting, conduct, marking and debriefing for the annual examination.

This role has evolved as follows:

1997

- 41 participants in 1997 at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. They included both CHW house-staff and local General Practitioners
- Interest from rural GPs had been mounting.
- Ongoing enquiries / demands stimulated the negotiation for distance education in 1998 in the ACT and plans were enacted.

1998

- Distance education commenced at The Canberra Hospital. Recorded lectures from The Children's Hospital at Westmead were sent on video each week with local paediatricians providing tutoring to enhance local knowledge.
- Interest was greater than anticipated and all participants were successful.
- Enquiries followed for DCH in central west NSW for 1999
- Course enhancements included additional lectures on children with developmental disability and their management.
- Evaluation of each lecture with feedback to lecturers continued. Annual course evaluation continued.

1999

- DCH commenced in Central West NSW with doctors from Cowra, Forbes and Orange participating.
- Visits to distance locations undertaken annually (ADOs)
- DCH commenced at Campbelltown Hospital for local GPs, and to continue to train house-staff seconded from CHW.
- Small group discussion sessions were introduced in consultation with DCH committee and Wendy Oldmeadow.

2000

- DCH groups in Kempsey and Armidale.
- DCH in Campbelltown continued to provide training for hospital staff
- Meetings with all participants continued.

2001

- DCH commenced in Taree and ran again in the ACT and Campbelltown
- Ongoing course evaluation with personal feedback to lecturers, discussion of negative evaluation and improvements implemented.
- Lecturer guidelines formulated and case based teaching formally encouraged.

2002

- Increase expansion of DCH in NSW. Groups included Mudgee, Bathurst, Forbes, Campbelltown and Hawkesbury
- Increasing numbers of GP registrars enrolling. Need for additional sites throughout the year to facilitate their learning as they changed locations: eg Lismore in 2002
- Explored other NSW locations as possibilities for 2003

2003

- DCH commenced in Lithgow and Parkes; Tweed Heads; Murwillumbah; Nepean Hospital; Central Coast; and continued in the ACT, Orange and Campbelltown
- Donation of funds for Codian, to enable internet streaming of DCH lectures
- Visits with all participants undertaken and feedback assimilated.
- Consideration of needs for education for isolated doctors following need to expand locations mid-year to accommodate GP registrars and their training requirements.

2004

- Internet streaming of lectures commenced as trial
- First individual participants enrolled in Australia in Swan Hill, Coonabarabran, Blayney, Lithgow and Albion Park
- DCH after hours 'distance model' commenced one evening per week at The Children's Hospital at Westmead to better accommodate educational needs of GPs in Sydney
- DCH commenced in Queensland at Nambour; continued in NSW in Coffs Harbour, Tamworth, Newcastle, Orange, Canowindra, Wagga, and continued in Dubbo, Campbelltown and the ACT. The first Victorian doctor commenced in Geelong at the request of local paediatrician, Dr Chris Sanderson.
- Invited to establish DCH in Hong Kong. Planning commenced in May 2004.
- Initial visit to establish location, meet and enlist tutors and meet potential participants
- Visit from Dr David Keegan from Canada to explore Australian post-graduate paediatric education options. Unique position of DCH internationally evident.
- Distance examinations commenced in the ACT
- Lecture on "Issues in Infancy" introduced to improve knowledge and an approach to common paediatric problems such as the unsettled infant.

2005

- DCH International commenced in Hong Kong with 19 participants
- Introduction of regular DCH newsletters which always include a clinical case with questions, answers and web-linked references.
- Survey of needs of distance participants for 2006 enrolment with implementation of neonatal workshops in GP weekend.
- Increasing numbers of Australian participants:
 - CHW morning and evening sessions
 - ACT
 - Qld: Brisbane, Bundaberg, Toowoomba, Townsville
 - NSW: Bathurst, Campbelltown, Cowra, Dubbo, Gosford, Grafton, Hay, Mudgee, Newcastle, Parkes, RNSH, St George, Wagga, Wauchope, Wollongong
 - Vic: Finley, Berrigan, Frankston, Geelong, Wangaratta
 - SA: Cleve
 - NT: Katherine
 - Tasmania: Hobart
- Curriculum review commenced
- Distance examination locations expanded
- Successful graduates of DCH given 1 unit of advanced standing for Masters in Medicine, Paediatrics at the University of Sydney.

- Negotiations for DCH to commence at Angkor Hospital for Children commenced. Ministry of Health endorsement sought prior to course commencement
- A visit to Angkor Hospital for Children finalised the establishment of DCH in Cambodia as a trial in 2006.
- Formal review of intellectual property and privacy issues by Jason Sprague, Parramatta.

2006

- DCH commenced at Angkor Hospital for Children.
- Review of DCH Policy and Procedures undertaken
- DCH Alumni formed in Hong Kong with goal of ongoing connection with The Children's Hospital at Westmead and paediatric education.
- Phone conferences commenced to increase the opportunity for distance participants to connect with CHW specialists.
- Increasing demand for DCH in Hong Kong; 25 enrolled in 2006
- Curriculum review completed
- Location in Australia included:
 - NSW: Armidale, Ashfield, Baraba, Campbelltown, CHW am & pm; Dubbo, Forbes, Gosford, Merimbula, Newcastle, Orange, Port Macquarie, Rylestone, Scone, St George, Taree, Warialda
 - ACT
 - Qld: Brisbane, Gladstone, Innisfail, Townsville
 - Vic: Castlemaine, Warragul, Dandenong, Forster/ Sale, Melbourne, Geelong, Shepparton
 - WA: Perth
 - Tasmania: Hobart
 - NT: Alice Springs
- Distance examination locations expanded to accommodate participants.
- First international examination conducted in Cambodia by Australian paediatricians there to teach Advanced Paediatric Life Support course.
- Initial discussion of further international course development through hospitals linked with CHW in China.
- Email questions to lecturers made available to participants via DCH medical staff.
- Newsletters made available to interested participants from past year,

2007

- DCH international expansion continued with first participant from Malaysia. Ongoing course at Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Cambodia; dramatic expansion in enquiries for DCH in Hong Kong.
- Australian sites included:
 - NSW: Ashfield, Bankstown; CHW am & a/h; Campbelltown; Dubbo; Gosford; Lismore; Muswellbrook, Nepean, Newcastle, Gilgandra, Orange, St George, Tamworth, Taree, Wagga, Hornsby, Wollongong
 - Qld: Brisbane, Noosa, Hervey Bay, Gladstone
 - NT: Darwin, Katherine
 - Vic: Geelong, Melbourne, Mitchum, Sale, Warragul
 - Tasmania: Burnie
 - ACT

- In 2007, an increasing number of participants elected to view DCH on broadband and not join groups. Contact via phone or in person was made during the year with all participants.
- Increasing number of examination locations in Australia.
- Newsletters enhances with a 'syndrome of the month'.
- Development of DCH website
- Trial of on-line questions, answers and moderated feedback.
- Hong Kong Professor participated at CHW examination.
- DCH graduates now awarded 2 units of advanced standing towards Masters in Medicine, Paediatrics, University of Sydney
- Additional expertise by volunteers led by Dr Bob Tynan enabled significant expansion in reach of DCH, both in Australia and internationally.
- Formal Business and Operational Planning commenced
- Negotiations for DCH to commence in the Solomon Islands commenced in March; endorsed by Sir Nathaniel Waena, the Governor General, in August and finalised in a visit in December.
- Initial negotiations for DCH in Bangalore, India
- Initial negotiations for DCH in Vanuatu
- Initial negotiations for DCH in Beijing and Guangzhou; followed by visit to successfully demonstrate live streaming of lectures via internet.
- Initial negotiations for DCH in a virtual university in association with Professor Everard, from the Robert Debre hospital, Paris.
- Interest from Middle East increasing.
- Within Australia, meetings occurred with the RACGP nationally and in Sydney and Melbourne with state organisations; with Aus Health International; the University of Sydney; GP training consortia and GP divisions.
- Concept of international collaboration introduced with first international lecture recording commencing.

2008

- DCH has commenced at the following international locations:
 - Hong Kong – 70 participants
 - Cambodia – 10 participants
 - China – 10 each in Guangzhou and Beijing
 - Solomon Islands – 3 participants
 - Vanuatu – 1 participants
 - Vietnam – currently under negotiation
 - Several individual international participants enrolled.
- Within Australia, there are more than 200 participants. The vast majority have now chosen to view lectures on broadband. The course continues to be delivered via DVD to the ACT, Bellingen, Campbelltown, Griffith, Newcastle, Katoomba, Murwillumbah, Tamworth, Taree, Wagga, Melbourne, Warragul, Werribee, Darwin and Katherine.
- A fully web-enabled program is under development and expected to be trialled later this year.
- Phone conferences will increase in frequency to facilitate connection with CHW and other contributing paediatricians.
- Financial structure consolidating.

- Formal staffing planning underway. Draft Roles and Responsibilities for tutors distributed to all tutors.