



# PEAT newsletter

## Professional Education and Training in Devon



Devon Doctors



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### HOT TOPICS IN THIS ISSUE

- Revalidation
- Summer programme
- Your feedback and suggestions

## How we can tackle revalidation

By Dr Andy Potter



The gloves are now off with the publication of the RCGP guidance for revalidation ([http://www.rcgp.org.uk/PDF/PDS\\_Guide\\_to\\_Revalidation\\_for\\_GPs\\_April\\_2009\\_V1.0.pdf?cid=RCGP\\_guide\\_030409](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/PDF/PDS_Guide_to_Revalidation_for_GPs_April_2009_V1.0.pdf?cid=RCGP_guide_030409)).

It looks like the old PGEA points for prizes system is back with added zest. We will all need 250 learning credits over a five year cycle.

Acquiring these will probably be the biggest change to our practice, as other elements such as the multisource feedback [MSF] (familiar to recent registrars and those who do this in-house anyway), patient satisfaction questionnaires and significant incident reviews look to be bolstered rather than significantly changed.

We will need to demonstrate reflective learning so, for example, if we identify Restless Leg Syndrome as an

area for development then, following some learning, we will need to trawl some RLS patient records to see if our management is up to scratch.

#### With PEAT's help...

PEAT will be looking both to deliver some courses about how our Personal Development Plans can be performed in a way which is RCGP / GMC compliant and also to promote techniques for using the courses which PEAT runs to effectively acquire credits.

Don't forget, PEAT gets great feedback for its courses (see page 3). The next year or so is going to be a struggle for us all to get our paperwork in order, perhaps our motto should be "PEAT not Prozac"!

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## A packed programme coming up

By Janice Young, Business Manager

Pic of Janice at her desk

Judy has made an excellent recovery from her hip replacement op and returned to work before Easter as PEAT's other educationalist. She and Lynn have set to work with

vigour on a truly scintillating Autumn programme and tidying up the last details of the summer programme. (see page 2).

But now, with the sun emerging, it's time to plant out those seedlings and turn over the turf. And what better medium to encourage all things green to grow than PEAT, which not only offers a nurturing environment but an ever-changing programme to meet all your educational needs!

#### Revalidation guide now available

As Andy has discussed above, the hot news is that the RCGP has just released its Guide to the Revalidation of General Practitioners online and its paper on 'The credits system explained': [www.rcgp.org.uk/practising\\_as\\_a\\_gp/professional\\_development/benchmarking\\_tool.aspx](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/practising_as_a_gp/professional_development/benchmarking_tool.aspx). PEAT's summer programme is supporting you through these changes by offering sessions on revalidation in

general and MSF and Recording Learning in particular. We also hope to work with the appraisers on helping you understand your way through the learning credit scheme and will be bringing you events tailored to this in the Autumn term.

#### Courses later this year

A quick peek at our Autumn plan reveals a schedule in which we plan to include:

COPD \* sexual health \* neuro linguistic programming \* PDP training \* ECG interpretation \* palliative care \* nurse practitioner workshop \* child protection \*

Prices for events remain the same as last term at £75 for half day and £150 for whole day events. You will see from the programme that we have also advertised events from the SW Peninsula Deanery (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May) as well as the telephone consultation workshops which are open to all GPs but free to those clinicians working shifts for Devon Doctors.

We are also excited to be working with Torbay Care Trust in providing an update on the latest news on revalidation for GPs in Torbay (10<sup>th</sup> June).

## Summer programme of educational events

Date	Topic	Speaker	Time	Venue
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Change Management</b> - A must for all practices dealing with change in a difficult economic climate.	Carolyn Giles	9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Buckfast Abbey
Wed & Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>The SW Peninsula Deanery CPD Conference.</b> <a href="http://www.peninsuladeanery.nhs.uk/index">http://www.peninsuladeanery.nhs.uk/index</a> judy.hollett@peninsuladeanery.ac.uk	Keynote addresses from Dr William Bird & Prof. Mike Pringle	Registration 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.	St Mellion, Nr Saltash, Cornwall
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Long Acting, Reversible Contraception</b> <b>AM</b> SDIs and hormonal contraception <b>PM</b> IUD theory Delegates may attend <b>either</b> or <b>both</b> sessions Each session will provide for three hours FSRH education.	Dr. Sarah Gray GP & Deanery Advisor for Faculty Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH)	09:00 to 16:45 <b>Or</b> 09:00 to 12:30 <b>Or</b> 12:45 to 16:45	Sandy Park, Exeter
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Revalidation</b> - a workshop looking at the latest RCGP Guide and its implications for Relicensing and Recertification – <b>for GPs in Torbay, supported by Torbay Care Trust.</b>	PEAT – <b>no charge for Torbay GPs</b>	noon to 2 p.m.	Riviera Centre, Torbay
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>360 Degree Feedback and Recording Learning</b> <b>AM</b> 360 Degree Feedback - background, providers and experience of the process. <b>PM</b> Identifying & recording learning needs including PUNS and DENS. Delegates may attend <b>either</b> or <b>both</b> sessions.	Prof John Campbell, PEAT	09:00. to 16:30 <b>Or</b> 09:00 to 12:45 <b>Or</b> 13:00 to 16:30	Sandy Park, Exeter
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Telephone Triage</b> - A seriously useful update for any GP who is involved with triage. This event is free to GPs who work for Devon Doctors.	Dr. David Berger	All Day or Morning only	Exeter
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Dermatology</b>	Dr. Chris Bower	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	St Cuthbert's
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Employment Law</b> – half day update on new legislative changes for 08/09.	Carolyn Giles	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Cockington Court
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Haematology</b> - how to manage and when to further investigate haematological conditions in primary care.	Dr. Nichola Rymes & Dr Patrick Roberts	9 a.m. to 12:30pm	Cockington Court
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Joint Injections: evening meeting</b>	Dr Sally Roberts	7:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Newton Abbot Hospital
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b> - a valuable update for all practices delivered by an H&S qualified IOSH professional who has experience working in & around healthcare and the NHS.	Henry Tobin	All day	Plymouth

## What do delegates think of our events?

As the many of you who have been on a PEAT event will know, we always ask for feedback. We feel it is the best way for us to discover what you think about the events we put on and how we can improve.

### Your feedback

Looking at the year from last September so far, an average of 87% of delegates left feedback on our events up to the end of March 2009. This is really helpful so thank you to all those who completed the forms and left comments and ideas for future events.

Of these people:

- ⇒ 91% had their objectives in attending the event met
- ⇒ 95.5% scored 5 or 4 out of 5 for the quality of our speakers. (scoring ranges from 5 = excellent to 1= poor)
- ⇒ 91% scored 5 or 4 out of 5 in enjoying the session
- ⇒ 92% scored 5 or 4 out of 5 for organisation
- ⇒ 90% scored 5 or 4 out of 5 for the amount of learning
- ⇒ 92% scored 5 or 4 out of 5 for value for money

### Some of the comments we received

#### General comments:

"Dr d'Souza's talk was very informative and very well structured. I found this very useful."  
(CKD, Nov 08)

"Sarah Gray was brilliant."  
(Women's health April 08)

"Good speakers, sessions long enough. Cost realistic. Like the personal portfolio forms."  
(Cardiology, Oct 08)

"Excellent course again!"  
(Managing Performance, Nov 08)

"Spot on. Interactive. GP friendly."  
(Headaches and Epilepsy Nov 08)

"Great speaker, thanks! "  
"Very effective working in small groups."  
(BSFT, March 09)

"I thought it was very good value for money."  
(H&S, Feb 09)

"Being more involved as a GP rather than leaving it all to PM. Enthusing other staff to be interested in their own duty of care. Formally using significant events to drive policy."  
(H&S, Feb 09)

#### Some changes you might make:

"Look at holiday hours, contract review, staff feedback."  
(Employment Law, March 09)

"Will definitely use this in day to day practice."  
(BSFT, March 09)

We have used your feedback to improve the courses and the venues we choose.



Please keep the comments and ideas rolling in – we are there for YOU. Please see our contact details on the front page if you would like to get in touch.