

Physiotherapy students join BOPDHB for the year



*Orientation day at the Clinical School (left to right)
Kelly Woolacott, Stephanie Geraghty, Olivia Meehan & Ollie Cairns*

On 16th March six final year physiotherapy students from AUT commenced clinical placement with the BOPDHB for the full academic year. This is a major change to placement practice as previously students have had their clinical placements in five week blocks during the last two years of their training.

AUT's philosophy is that continuous placement will better engage students with the DHB communities and environments, encourage continuous learning and produce graduates able to transfer into the workforce with less additional training. From the DHB's perspective it is an opportunity to give the students a fantastic training experience during the year so that they won't want to leave us once qualified!

Four students are based at Tauranga Hospital and two students - Jake Henderson and Anthony Ford - are based at Whakatane Hospital. Physiotherapists Jacquie Higham (Tauranga) and Lorraine Doughty (Whakatane) will oversee the students' placements for the duration of their time at the DHB.

On day one of their placement we

caught up with the four students placed at Tauranga (Kelly Woolacott, Stephanie Geraghty, Olivia Meehan and Ollie Cairns) to find out why they chose Tauranga for their final year of training. Kelly is from Taupo, Stephanie and Olivia are from Tauranga and Ollie's home town is Whangarei.

The students are unanimous that the Bay climate and lifestyle were their main reasons for seeking a placement in Tauranga but financial considerations also influence a student's choice of placement. While Olivia and Stephanie are staying with their parents for the year, Kelly and Ollie are flatting. All will need part-time employment to provide for their living expenses during the year.

They are looking forward to gaining the confidence to put all that theory into practice, to rostered hours of work and to working, training and socialising with other students and DHB staff.

Once qualified, Kelly, Stephanie and Olivia hope to work in Tauranga and Ollie is going overseas. How will the experience we provide in the next year influence these plans? Watch this space.

School comment

To all staff who supervise students, congratulations on a job well done! Students' exit survey comments confirm that we are welcoming, friendly, well organised and provide placements of high quality.

An exciting new initiative this year is placement of final year AUT Physiotherapy students for a full academic year. This provides us with an opportunity to immerse the students fully in our workplace, culture and lifestyle. We will report back at the end of the year on how they found the experience and whether or not it influenced their decision to seek permanent employment in the Bay.

Clinical teachers, student supervisors and researchers - we surveyed you in December 2008 to find out how much teaching and research you do and what additional facilities and resources you need to support increased student placements.

Survey results confirmed that you enjoy teaching students (98%), agree that providing high quality student placements is an effective recruitment strategy (97%) and feel that students appreciate the time you take to teach them (97%).

Most of you reported a need for additional teaching facilities, resources and equipment; allocation of dedicated teaching time; and more support and recognition for your teaching and research activities.

Full survey results, including recommendations to address the issues you raised will be distributed this month.

Lisa-Jane Dench
Business Leader
Clinical School



Mental Health and Addiction Service Interprofessional Learning Project

The introduction of Interprofessional Learning (IPL) is an exciting new initiative being introduced into the Mental Health & Addiction Service Learning programme for 2009.

The idea is that we work together in our multi-disciplinary teams so why not learn together? The Interprofessional Learning Project 2009 involves all healthcare disciplines, including nursing, medical personnel, allied health professionals and support staff. It is planned to inject an IPL 'strand' to continuing professional development across the mental health service.

The project aims to enhance teamwork, collaboration and the sharing of ideas, knowledge and practice amongst clinicians.

If IPL catches on in New Zealand, as it has in Canada, UK and Australia it is envisaged that exposure to interprofessional learning will become an integral part of the undergraduate curriculum. It is hoped that as IPL becomes embedded in our practice, collaboration with tertiary education institutions can allow for interprofessional learning at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

IPL will be introduced in an incremental manner with regular evaluations and audits throughout the year. All those interested in IPL or who want to know more about the Mental Health IPL Project 2009 please contact: bob.howe@bopdhb.govt.nz or carley.jones@bopdhb.govt.nz

Medical student placements

The BOPDHB continues to build capacity for medical student placements, with numbers increasing year to year and a number of clinicians working to gain formal clinical training qualifications.

Tauranga and Whakatane Hospital placed 129 medical students in 2008 and 171 are currently booked for placements in 2009. Bay of Plenty GP's report 37 medical student placements in 2008 and 41 planned for 2009 (excluding GP Registrar placements).

Tauranga Hospital SMO's contributing the most to medical student supervision in 2009 (supervising 4 or more students per year) are:

Department	Supervisor	Students	Weeks with students
Emergency	Derek Sage	21	44
O&G	Ruth Harkett	18	40
Paediatrics	Justin Wilde	16	44
Paediatrics	Hugh Lees	14	43
General Medicine	Pierre de Villiers	7	36
Gastroenterology/General Medicine	David Shaw	7	24
Gastroenterology/General Medicine	Imran Khan	6	34
Respiratory/General Medicine	Ulrich Genzmer	6	31
Oncology	Richard North	6	28
Endocrinology/General Medicine	Kingsley Nirmalaraj	5	26
General Surgery	Jeremy Rossaak	4	21
Urology	Peter Gilling	4	16

*Figures based on confirmed bookings as of 19 March 2009

Medical student placements at Tauranga Hospital		
	2008	2009
Paediatrics	31	30
Emergency	16	21
O&G	11	18
Gastroenterology	9	13
Orthopaedics	7	10
General Medicine	6	7
Respiratory	4	6
General Surgery	7	6
Oncology	1	6
Endocrinology	-	5
Urology	1	4
Infectious Diseases	-	3.5
Cardiology	4	3
Geriatric Medicine	-	2.5
Mental Health	-	2
Anaesthetics	5	2
ENT	2	2
Neurology	1	1
Ophthalmology	0	1
Rheumatology	2	0
	107	143

BOPDHB/Waiariki Institute of Technology partnership formalised

The BOPDHB and Waiariki Institute of Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 17th March. The two organisations will work together under this agreement to ensure that the courses Waiariki offers – and the clinical placement support that the DHB offers – will meet the health needs of our current and future population.

Together we will explore options for managing the growing pool of nursing and healthcare students, develop new training initiatives and consider opportunities for the joint development of clinical training facilities.



Phil Cammish (BOPDHB CEO) and Pim Borren (Waiariki CEO)

Nursing update

Undergraduate students

From February until November this year some 200 nursing students will gain clinical experience within the DHB's services. This is 40 more nursing students than were placed in 2008.

While most are working towards their Bachelor of Nursing degree at Waiariki Institute of Technology, some are already registered and completing Waiariki's 'Nursing in NZ' – Competency Assessment Programme. In addition, some Bay of Plenty locals will return from universities elsewhere to complete their 8 -12 week elective placement here before sitting state final exams. Last year students came from Invercargill, Palmerston North and Waikato to complete their training in their home town.



Cindy Harper (centre) with 3rd year nursing students from Waiariki, Danielle Jones (left) on placement in OPD and Jo Olsen (right) assigned to Radiology

To cope with the increasing demand for placements, Cindy Harper, the DHB's Student Nurse Coordinator has had to expand the range of placements offered to students. As a result outpatient department placements

have been reinstated and for the first time places are now offered in radiology. These have been well supported by the nurse managers and enjoyed by the students.

Postgraduate studies

BOPDHB nursing staff continue to achieve excellent results with their postgraduate studies. Following the 2008 academic year 23 registered nurses received postgraduate certificates, 21 received postgraduate diplomas and 6 were awarded a master's degree.

In Semester One of this year the DHB is supporting 70 nurses working towards postgraduate certificates, 60 working towards diplomas and 36 working towards a master's degree.

BOPDHB's pool of clinical teaching experts grows

Once again all BOPDHB clinicians who applied for a University of Auckland School of Medicine Clinical Education scholarship were successful. Two of the four successful applicants commenced the programme in March. The DHB now has eight clinicians enrolled in this programme and two planning to commence in Semester Two.

The School of Medicine scholarship is open to clinicians and others involved in teaching University of Auckland

undergraduate medical students, however entry to the Clinical Education programme (PG Certificate or Diploma) is open to health professionals from all disciplines.

As Dr Roslyn Selby (Paediatrician) reported in our January newsletter, "the on campus workshop, although not compulsory is excellent, and gives everyone on the course (doctors, nurses and allied health staff) an opportunity to learn more about each other's roles, and share knowledge from a range of perspectives."

So, doctors, nurses and allied health staff, if you are interested in gaining clinical teaching qualifications - contact us for further information.

Student placement policy to be reviewed

The DHB's student placement policy will be reviewed and updated this month to ensure that it addresses the 'what, when, who, how, and why' associated with every student placement.

If you have student placement issues that could be addressed by a clear policy, please contact us.

Research



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The theme is 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' and will focus on how the historical successes and challenges of the research community make up the fabric of today's industry and how this translates into future thinking.

Date: 20 – 21 August 2009

Venue: SkyCity Convention Centre, Auckland

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55 DHB staff participated in our recent Teaching and Research survey. 35% reported that they are actively involved in research projects and they spend an average of 1.6 hours per week on research activities.

There are 73 research projects listed on our research register. They range from international drug trials to local research projects being completed by staff involved in postgraduate study. If you are involved in research we want to know, so please

- Notify us of all research projects (big or small)
- Contact us for locality approval
- Send us copies of your outcomes/ research reports

Students tell it like it is

Student exit survey results from Q3 08/09 (Jan – Mar 09)

"This has been my favourite placement during medical school."

"I really enjoyed Tauranga – very friendly hospital and staff and would love to return to the area."

"Best attachment in my training so far – all staff very friendly and went out of their way to teach me. Would definitely recommend Tauranga to classmates."

"I am seriously considering a House Officer placement here, the lifestyle is fantastic."

"Thanks for accommodating me at gorgeous Whakatane. It was such a wonderful and varied experience. I got a lot more out of this experience than I initially expected."

And well done to the following staff/departments who received a special mention – SCBU Nurses, O&G Consultants, Dr Andrew Lienert, Dr Kingsley Nirmalaraj, Dr Justin Wilde and Dr Pierre de Villiers' team.

In response to student feedback an upgrade of the student accommodation facilities in Jacaranda House has commenced. Improvements include modification of the kitchen and bathroom facilities and installation of computers in the student lounge.

Profile

Dr Amy Stringer and Dr Mark Stringer,
House Officers

Great trainee intern placements at Tauranga Hospital in early 2008 prompted siblings Amy and Mark Stringer to apply for (and win) positions as House Officers in Tauranga late last year. Both had so enjoyed their clinical placement experience and the Bay of Plenty lifestyle that Tauranga became their first preference for employment after their medical school training was complete.

In March-April 2008 Amy spent five weeks as a trainee intern in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department. "Prior to that placement I already knew I didn't want to live in Auckland after graduation and that I wanted to experience working in a smaller hospital", Amy said. "I loved the smaller hospital environment where staff knew each other's names, consultants were approachable and there was a strong teaching programme." Her O&G attachment definitely influenced her decision to apply for a post in Tauranga.

Older brother Mark tossed up between working in the Hawke's Bay, Bay of Plenty and other provincial hospitals, but after his five week Paediatric trainee intern rotation, Tauranga became his first choice. "I loved it here - while staying at Jacaranda House I met some great people on their placement



(medical, physiotherapy, midwifery and radiography students) and had a blast," Mark said.

Mark started thinking about a career in medicine at the beginning of his secondary schooling in Christchurch and in 2002 commenced a degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Auckland. He transferred to Medical School after the first year and was joined by Amy, who in Year 13 had investigated a large number of career options before deciding to become a doctor.

Both are enjoying the support and companionship of the thirteen other new House Officers. "Fortunately we are all on the same wavelength," Amy said, "and enjoy socialising and participating in outdoor activities together". All of the five new house officers from the University of Auckland completed a trainee intern run at Tauranga Hospital in 2008.

Correction

The photograph shown in last quarter's newsletter of Roslyn Selby – Paediatrician, teaching at the bedside named the students as trainee interns from The University of Auckland, however, they were in fact Senior Paediatric House Officers (SHO's) from the UK.

	Q3 08/09	Q2 08/09	Q1 08/09	Q4 07/08
No of respondents	31	20	30	15
% of students who agree or strongly agree.....				
Overall my placement experience was a positive one	93	95	90	93
As a result of my placement I am more likely to apply for a position with the DHB after I graduate	84	80	83	33
I would encourage other students to seek clinical placements at the BOPDHB	94	95	100	86

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