

Appendix 1: Registrar survey

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Caring for Children in General Practice: Confidence, past and current training experiences of GP registrars in Victoria

1. Please enter your Unique ID [.....]
- 2a. GPT term [GPT1/2/3/4/ARST] and location [Rural/Metro]
- 2b. Extended Skills (if Applicable) [.....]
3. Gender [Male/Female/Other]
4. Indicate your age in years [<25/25–30/31–35/36–40/41–45/45+]
5. Where did you complete your medical training [Australia/Overseas and specify
6. Please indicate your completed GP terms if applicable, select all that apply [GPT1 Rural/GPT1 metro/ GPT2 rural/ GPT2 metro/ GPT3 rural/ GPT2 Metro/ GPT4 rural/ GPT4 metro/ NA]
7. Have you ever undertaken formal paediatric training with RACP, basic or advanced training in paediatrics [yes/no]
8. Since starting vocational GP training, have you completed (or are completing) the DCH [yes/no] and if 'yes' specify when [....]
- 9a. Please indicate the pre-vocational paediatric experience(s) you have undertaken, tick all that apply to you. Include the DCH regardless of when you completed it. [paediatric hospital emergency department/paediatric hospital rotation (sub-speciality)/ paediatric hospital rotation (general medicine)/ general hospital with a designated paediatric emergency department/ general hospital emergency department/ general hospital paediatric ward/ PGPPP/ DCH/ community based health service/ specialized community based primary care service for children and adolescents/ refugee health service/ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Service/ Obstetric Term/ Diploma of Obstetrics/ Other] if 'other' please specify [....]
- 9b. If you have completed a sub-speciality rotation in a paediatric hospital, please specify the department [....]
10. Please describe the duration (or full-time equivalent) of all your pre-vocational paediatric experience, select all that apply. [0–3 months/ 4–6 months/ 7–9 months/ 10–12 months/ >12 months/ NA]
11. Please describe the location of your pre-vocational paediatric experiences [Rural/ Metro/ NA]
12. Please rate on a scale of 1–5, the USEFULNESS of your paediatric experiences in preparing you to manage children and adolescents in general practice [1= not useful at all/ 2 = low usefulness/ 3= neutral/ 4= useful / 5= very useful]
13. Of the pre-vocational paediatric experiences you have undertaken, which PREPARED you most to manage paediatric patients in general practice? Why? [....]
14. Are there areas you feel require more attention in the child and adolescent health curriculum for GP registrars? If yes, please list the areas in the comment box below. If 'no' please describe why you feel the curriculum does not need to be changed. [....]
15. Please describe any specific types of training you feel would be useful in preparing GP registrar for the care of children and adolescents in general practice. [....]
16. Please rate on a scale of 1–5 how CONFIDENT you feel overall to manage paediatric patients (including patients from neonates to age 19) [1 = very low confidence/ 2 = low confidence/ 3 = neutral/ 4 = confident / 5= very confident]
17. At your current level of general practice training, please rate on a scale of 1–5 how CONFIDENT you feel to manage paediatric patients of different ages [1 = very low confidence/ 2 = low confidence/ 3 = neutral/ 4 = confident / 5= very confident].
 - Patients aged 0–1 months (neonates)
 - Patients aged 2–12 months
 - Patients aged 2–4 years
 - Patients aged 5–12 years
 - Patients aged 13–19 years
18. For comparison, at your current level of general practice training, please rate on a scale of 1–5 how CONFIDENT you feel to manage adult patients of different age groups[1 = very low confidence/ 2 = low confidence/ 3 = neutral/ 4 = confident / 5= very confident].
 - Patients aged 20–30 years
 - Patients aged 30–45 years
 - Patients aged 45–65 years
 - Older patients (age > 65 years)
19. Please RANK the following patients age groups from those you find MOST to LEAST difficult to manage where 1= most difficult to manage and 9 = least difficult to manage.
 - Patients aged 0–1 months (neonates)
 - Patients aged 2–12 months
 - Patients aged 2–4 years
 - Patients aged 5–12 years
 - Patients aged 13–19 years
 - Patients aged 20–30 years
 - Patients aged 30–45 years
 - Patients aged 45–65 years
 - Older patients (age > 65 years)

20. Please rate on a scale of 1–5, how CONFIDENT, you currently feel to manage the following paediatric presentations in general practice. [1 = *very low confidence* / 2 = *low confidence* / 3 = *neutral* / 4 = *confident* / 5 = *very confident*].

- Acute upper respiratory tract infection
- Acute otitis media/other ear infections including otitis externa
- Immunisation
- Tonsillitis, acute
- Asthma
- Febrile Illness
- Gastroenteritis, diarrhoea and vomiting
- Eczema/dermatitis
- Other dermatological conditions
- Mood disorders
- Other Mental Health presentations
- Recognition and management of the 'Sick Child'
- Behavioural Problems
- Developmental Delay
- Autism
- Soiling/Wetting & Constipation
- Parental/Carer Anxiety
- Child Protection/Abuse

21. Please rate on a scale of 1–5, how CONFIDENT, you currently feel to manage the following adult presentations in general practice. [1 = *very low confidence* / 2 = *low confidence* / 3 = *neutral* / 4 = *confident* / 5 = *very confident*].

- Acute URTI (Adult)
- Asthma (adult)
- Gastroenteritis, diarrhoea & vomiting (adult)
- Eczema & dermatitis (adult)
- Other dermatological conditions (adult)
- Multi-morbidity/ Chronic Illness in adult patients
- Mental Illness (adult)
- Men's Health
- Women's Health
- Sexual Health
- Palliative Care

22. Would you be prepared to be contacted about participating in a short, one-off interview (by phone or at a place of your convenience) on managing children and adolescent in general practice? [Yes/No]

23. If 'yes; to being contacted about a short interview, please provide your contact details below. The Information will be kept separate from your survey data. [*First Name* / *Email* / *Phone Number*]