



Eastern Victoria
GP Training

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Valuable research supports better health outcomes for Eastern Victorian communities

Eastern Victoria GP Training (EV) is excited to announce its leadership of three major research projects supporting our vision for healthier communities. The projects underpin our commitment to quality training and supervisor support for EV and GP training nationally.

“Our involvement in research is essential to fostering continuous improvement of general practice training. In particular, these projects go to the heart of supporting the training of our GP supervisors. We are very pleased to be leading these significant local and national projects seeking to promote and better prepare supervisors to meet the needs of a broader group of trainees, and to develop a framework for cultural safety. Quality provision of primary health care is experiencing significant change and the importance of meeting that challenge begins with high quality and informed supervision,” says Dr Mark Rowe, CEO.

The 3 projects are: the National GP Supervisor *Curriculum* Project, the National GP Supervisor *Framework* Project and the Cultural Safety Project.

“We are very grateful for the opportunity provided by RACGP to explore and develop a national *curriculum* for GP Supervisors and produce a framework for its implementation that considers the needs of all GP Supervisors including those from pre-vocational training and non-traditional AGPT pathways,” says Dr Rowe.

The Cultural Safety Project is an important element in supporting our Reconciliation Action Plan and our commitment to ‘Closing the Gap’. EV is committed to engaging and enabling GP supervisors to enhance their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. This research is funded by the Department of Health’s Strategic Plan Special Projects grant.

“Supervisors are at the forefront of ensuring that our future GPs are trained to be culturally safe practitioners,” says Professor Marlene Drysdale, Senior Aboriginal Health Educator & Advisor.

“Supervisors play a major role in the development of the GP trainee and it is important they have an understanding of the history, culture and cultural values of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and recognise the health needs of our First Nations peoples,” says Professor Drysdale.

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“Ensuring supervisors have the skills they need to both serve their communities and also educate, train and guide the next generation of GPs is a win-win for supervisors and their communities,” says Dr Rowe.

“Driving improved health outcomes for patients and their communities is at the forefront of EV’s work. Underpinning this is the premise that research enhances and directs our program for all involved. Supervisors must be supported to gain the skills they need to provide high quality health care to their communities and also to educate, train and guide the next generation of GPs.”

For more information about the three research projects, visit the [Research page](#) of our website.

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About EV GP Training

Established in 2016 as one of 9 general practice training providers in Australia, EV is funded by the Commonwealth Government to deliver general practice training for prevocational doctors. EV delivers training throughout eastern, south-eastern and north-eastern metropolitan Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula and Gippsland. We offer general and rural pathways and both RACGP (FRACGP and FARGP) and ACRRM (FACCRM) endpoints. We also deliver the RACGP Practice Experience Program.

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