



Annual Meetings of the PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health.

Theme – “*Encouraging and Supporting Careers in Rural Medicine*”

Program.

- ❖ **Wednesday Sept 2nd (from 12pm) and Thursday Sept 3rd (full day)**

Continuing Medical Education sessions - 2015

“Safe Anaesthesia for Obstetrics” Workshop (in conjunction with the PNG Anaesthesia Society)

(Fees – free for Society members, K100 for non members).

- ❖ **Thursday evening Sept 3rd – from 7pm**

PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health Annual Dinner.

Venue – Holiday Inn (7pm)

- ❖ **Friday Sept 4th.**

8 am *Registrations and welcome.*

8.30am *Opening Address – Dr David Mills (President – PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health)*

“Standing at the crossroads – what is our vision for PNG’s medical workforce?”



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Morning Session – *The role of Policy makers and Government agencies in supporting the rural medical workforce.*

9.00 - 9.30 am **Keynote Speaker – Mr Pascoe Kase** (Secretary – National Department of Health)

9.30 – 10am **Dr Don Matheson** (Public Health Specialist and Team Leader for the Review of the National Health Plan).

“Is our National Health Plan achieving progress in rural health?”

10 – 10.30am Morning Tea

10.30 – 11.15 **Panel Discussion and Questions**

Participants – Sec Pascoe Kase, Dr Paison Dakulala (Dept Sec Curative Health Services), Ms Elva Lionel (Dept Secretary Corporate Health Services), Dr Goa Tao (Chief Medical Officer), Mr Don Matheson

11.15 – 12.00 **Provincial Health Authorities – will they make a difference to the way rural health services are delivered?**

Dr James Kintwa (CEO for WHP Provincial Health Authority)

“The Western Highlands experience – tackling the rural doctor shortage.”

Dr Trevor Kelebi (Director Curative Health Service – Sandaun PHA)

“Visions for rural doctors in Sandaun”

12.00 - 12.30pm **Panel Discussion and Questions**

Participants – Dr James Kintwa, Dr Billy Naidi (CEO – Milne Bay PHA), Dr Trevor Kelebi, Dr Harry Poka (Director of Medical Services, Kundiawa Hospital, Simbu)

12.30pm Lunch



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Afternoon Session – *Training the medical workforce in PNG.*

1.30pm – 2.00pm **Professor Nekapi Tefuarani** (*Dean – School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of PNG*)

“Positioning the nations medical school for the needs of PNG in the 21st century.”

2.00pm – 2.30pm **Dr Clement Malau** (*Dean – Faculty of Health Sciences – Divine Word University*).

“Do we need a second, ‘rural’ medical school in PNG?”

2.30pm – 3pm **Prof Glen Mola**

“The future of Residency training in PNG?”

3.00 – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30 – 4.30pm **Combined medical students presentation**

“The career aspirations of medical students in 2015; our expectations and experience of rural health.”

4.30 – 5.00pm **Dr Gabriel Yohang MMED (Rural)** (*Specialist Rural Physician – Medical Superintendent, St Josephs Hospital, Mingende*)

“At the pointy end – the journey of the first cohort of MMED (Rural) trainees.”

5.00pm **Closing remarks.**





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Saturday Sept 5th

- 8.00 - 8.20am** **Review of previous days presentations and discussion.**
- 8.20 – 10.00am** **Working Group Sessions**
“Recommendations on the way forward for training doctors in PNG”
- 10.00 - 10.45am** ***Dr Magdelene Taune* (MMED Rural trainee Yr 6) and *Dr Imelda Assaigo* (MMED Rural trainee Yr 4)**
“Women in the rural medical workforce– a personal perspective”
- 10.45 - 11.00am** Morning Tea.
- 11.00 – 11.30am** ***Ms Maureen Gerawa* (Journalist on medical issues – Post Courier) and *Mr Scott Waide* (EMTV)**
“The role of the traditional media and social media, in reporting about health.”
- 11.30 – 12.15am** **Group Discussion**
“Using social media in health– Potent tool OR time wasting distraction?”
- 12.15 – 12.40am** ***Dr James Naipao* (President – National Doctors Association)**
“Addressing the shortfall of doctors in rural PNG. What is the role of an industrial body?”
- 12.40 am.** Lunch



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| 1.30 – 3.00pm | <i>Group Discussion</i>

“Formulating our vision – Where to we want the PNG Rural Society to be at in 2035, and how do we get there?” |
| 3.00 – 4.00pm | <i>Annual General Meeting including financial reports and election of officers.</i> |
| 4.00pm | <i>Closing remarks.</i> |