

# CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK  
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## Access to training and education opportunities is key to retaining medical practitioners in remote, rural and regional NSW.

Doctors are required to maintain skills through Continuing Professional Development (CPD)/Professional Development Program (PDP) activities to practise in Australia.

To support doctors in rural practice and medical students interested in a rural career, NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) hosts a range of CPD/PDP conferences and events, including two flagship annual family-friendly GP conferences.

Our conferences include:

- Rural GP Refresher Conference
  - one annual general CPD/PDP education update for GPs and medical students, held in March
- New General Practitioner Orientation (NGPO) workshops
  - face-to-face education for doctors new to general practice, via the New Rural GP Orientation Program
- Proceduralist conferences – Anaesthetics and Obstetrics
  - two annual interactive CPD/PDP conferences designed for rural GP Proceduralists held in May and August
  - approved procedural grants available for GP Proceduralists
- Outreach Forum
  - one annual update and information sharing forum for

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs), specialists, health administrators and Outreach service providers

- Rurally-based CPD/PDP workshops
  - four annual themed CPD/PDP workshops hosted in rural NSW locations. Workshop themes are identified through the Primary Health Workforce Needs Assessment (HWNA)
- Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC of NSW) Deadly Doctors Forum
  - one annual co-designed forum for GPs working in the Aboriginal health sector
- Rural GPs Conference
  - one annual general educational CPD/PDP conference offered to GPs and medical students, held in November

By attending our conferences, you will gain access to CPD/PDP through:

- peer group discussions and panels
- clinical lectures
- interactive simulation workshops
- non-clinical presentations.

Conferences are also an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues and peers and include live entertainment and special activities for partners and children.

### THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



DOCTORS  
VR & NON-VR



MEDICAL  
STUDENTS

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# ABOUT NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

## NSW Rural Doctors Network

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) is a not-for-profit and non-government organisation and is the Australian Government's designated Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) for health in NSW.

Our vision is for improved health service access for all Australians – no matter where they live.

We seek to support better health and wellbeing for people living in remote, rural and regional and disadvantaged communities, particularly those in NSW and the ACT.

To achieve this vision, we seek to grow and strengthen a capable primary health workforce, support communities in tailored health workforce solutions, support the capacity of health service organisations, contribute to policy and ensure RDN's continued effectiveness.

RDN offers a range of services, programs and activities across NSW that:

- help remote, rural and regional communities, General Practices and health services to find suitably skilled and qualified General Practitioners (GPs), nurses and allied health professionals to work in their towns
- assist suitably skilled and qualified GPs, nurses and allied health professionals to pursue careers in remote, rural and regional NSW (both Australian and International Medical Graduates/Overseas Trained Doctors)
- support existing remote, rural and regional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals through the provision of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities and succession planning
- provide financial support for further study, training and short courses
- assist in finding locum support for remote, rural and regional GPs, including through our unique and free RDN Locum Match
- deliver a wide range of health outreach services to rural towns
- support remote, rural and regional medical partners and families
- provide a range of scholarships, support and information for students studying medicine or health-related degrees in NSW.

RDN also works with:

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) to support health services for Aboriginal peoples
- rural NSW Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to support remote, rural and regional GPs
- local communities, governments and rural Local Health Districts (LHDs) on medical workforce matters
- university medical faculties to promote rural medicine.