

MEDICAL WORKFORCE INFORMAL SEMINAR

THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN RESIDENT DUTY HOURS AND PATIENT SAFETY

Presented by Vineet Arora of the Pritzker School of Medicine
at the University of Chicago

Hosted by the Health Economics Collaboration:

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The George Institute for International Health*

DATE: Thursday 12 March 2009

TIME: 10:00-11:00am

WHERE: Education Seminar Room 458,
Education Building,
University of Sydney,
(Camperdown Campus)

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A light morning tea will be provided after the presentation

TALK OUTLINE:

Dr. Arora's talk will focus on her research over the past 5 years examining the impact of the 2003 ACGME resident duty hours in the US on resident sleep, fatigue, education, and patient care using the University of Chicago as an example. In addition, unintended consequences of duty hour restrictions, such as increased work intensity and handoffs will also be discussed. Her research has appeared in JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine, and Archives of Internal Medicine and is cited widely in the recent 2008 Institute of Medicine on the future of resident duty hour restrictions.

BIOGRAPHY:

Vineet Arora MD, MPP, FACP is an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency and Assistant Dean for Curricular Innovation at the Pritzker School of Medicine for the University of Chicago. She earned her medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies. Dr. Arora's academic work focuses on incorporating and evaluating interventions to improve medical training and the quality and safety of patient care. She has authored many peer-reviewed publications on areas such as resident duty hours, patient handoffs, medical professionalism, and quality of care that have appeared in a variety of medical journals, including JAMA, the Annals of Internal Medicine, and the New England Journal of Medicine. Her research is also prominently featured in the 2008 Institute of Medicine report on the future of resident duty hours. She has also testified to Congress on the impact of Medicare payment system on declining student interest in primary care careers. Clinically, Dr. Arora serves as an academic hospitalist, supervising internal medicine residents and students in the care of general medicine inpatients.