LATEST NEWS

Appointments and Promotions

MOHAN, Irwin  
Clinical Associate Professor

DIEFENBACH, Russell  
Conjoint Senior Lecturer

LIU, Eunice  
Clinical Lecturer

WANG, Allen  
Clinical Associate Lecturer

Ultrasound Workshop
Dr George Larcos and his team hosted an Ultrasound workshop on Saturday October 13th. The workshop was well attended by Westmead Clinical School students who attended as participants and surrogate patients. We always get positive feedback about this popular event and it is only possible because of enthusiasm of Dr Larcos and his staff.

Many thanks to George and the sonographers who gave up their Saturday to do this for us. We hope to be able to offer this again in 2013.

24hr access to Library
Recently the Library has been able to offer 24hr access to certain groups. We are working hard at having this privilege extended to students and we will keep you up to date on progress!

Governor-General Visits Westmead to Bestow Prestigious Award
On October 18th, Her Excellency, the Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce presented Professor David Harris with Kidney Health Australia’s prestigious award, the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith medal, for his outstanding contribution to research in the field of kidney disease.

Prof Harris, whose research is conducted in the Centre for Transplant and Renal Research at Westmead Millennium Institute has played a leading role in international education initiatives in kidney disease in the developing world via the International Society of Nephrology and is President-Elect of the Asian-Pacific Society of Nephrology.

The medal is named after Priscilla Kincaid-Smith who was a well known icon in nephrology and medicine.

David is a most worthy recipient of the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Medal. Congratulations!!

Student Representatives
Being a student rep may feel like a thankless task at times but the role really is a very important one. Over the last few years we have had the good fortune of having dedicated, mindful and altruistic students who take up the challenge of addressing issues here at Westmead.

We sincerely appreciate the extra time and effort that these students have taken to provide us with
feedback on how we can make their experience even more worthwhile! We may not be able to fix certain things immediately but we do hear the concerns and strive for resolutions and positive outcomes.

**IT Issues**
USyd IT and Area Health ICT are continuing to work closely to identify and resolve issues we have been experiencing here at Westmead. We have provided a comprehensive list of issues, and we are assured that our concerns are being given particular attention. It seems that there is no quick fix but if you are experiencing particular difficulty please contact Amanda Burke – amanda.burke@sydney.edu.au who will ensure your issues are logged in the appropriate queue.

**Dates of the 2012-2013 University Closedown**
From close of business Tuesday 18 December, reopening Wednesday 2 January 2013

- Wednesday 19 December - Concessional leave
- Thursday 20 December - Concessional leave
- Friday 21 December – Required annual leave
- Monday 24 December – Required annual leave
- Tuesday 25 December – public holiday Christmas Day
- Wednesday 26 December - public holiday Boxing Day
- Thursday 27 December - University holiday in lieu of August bank holiday
- Friday 28 December – Required annual leave
- Monday 31 December - Concessional leave
- Tuesday 1 January – public holiday New Year’s Day


**EVENTS**

**New events to put in your diary**

**Stage 2 Summative OSCE**
A big thank you to those involved in the Stage 2 Summative OSCE process. The assessment is held over two days, November 13 & 14 in the University Clinics.

Best of luck to our Stage 2 students!

**Final Year Luncheon – Westmead Association**
The Westmead Association will host an invitation luncheon for the Final Year students of the medical program on Thursday November 15th in the Green Room.