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- **GGPET**  
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- Our Charity Commission registered number is 117571

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*“Membership  
fees held at  
£100.  
Nurse  
Practitioners  
invited to join”*

## A Message from Jim Morison



### **Congratulations!**

The Gloucestershire GP Education Trust has already exceeded last year's membership number of 162, with membership now standing at 190..... Membership fees remain at £100 for April 2007—March 2008 . There is still plenty of time to benefit from the rest of the years activities.

**GGPET** now welcomes all GP Registrars as members and is also open to qualified Nurse Practitioners.

We have had the most successful Sting Of Pearls for sometime with 3 sessions over-subscribed.

### **Reciprocity**

A reminder that local agreements with other Education Trusts belonging to the Severn Institute GP School (that has evolved from the old “Deanery”) means that GGPET members can attend meetings in Bath, Bristol, & Swindon without additional charge and that all courses across the Severn GP School that are kite-marked will have been approved using the same common educational process.

### **Countywide Educational Activities**

We are aware of a wide divergence of the excellent independently organised educational activities that occur throughout the County; it would be really good for as many local GPs to have access to these.

The advertising and promotional facilities of the GGPET organisation are open and accessible to support these activities. We are able to provide kite-marking, advice on educational content and if needs be, facilitator support.

Contact Jim Morison, GP Tutor for more information ([jmorrison@cix.co.uk](mailto:jmorrison@cix.co.uk))

### **The Edward Jenner Lecture**

The inaugural GGPET Edward Jenner Lecture at the Jenner Museum in Berkeley was held on 28th March. An excellent presentation from Professor Richard Baker, from the Department of Primary Care at the University of Leicester debated the issues surrounding the future direction of medical education and continuing professional development.

*“Please let us know of any educational needs; we are happy to try to organise events to meet demand”*

*“Ring now to book your workshop 08454 223038 and remember they are free to GGPET members”*

*“For more information about any aspect of this Newsletter contact Jim Morison jmorrison.cix.co.uk”*

## Recertification

The CMOs paper “Trust, Assurance & Safety” has tasked the RCGP with defining what criteria it will use for recertification. GPs will have to demonstrate that they are proficient in the basic essentials of general practice and it may be a good opportunity now for each of us to reflect on this before it becomes a mandatory part of revalidation.

The RCGP have been piloting an on-line knowledge test for GPs for some years (available at <http://www.rcgp-scotland.org.uk/products/pep.asp> ). This is a useful tool for exposing where our greatest learning needs lie, and perhaps there is some mileage in exploring this aspect of our professional development before it becomes obligatory!

The last 6 years, since the inauguration of the Appraisal process, have seen enormous strides in how GPs manage their CPD (Continuing Professional Development.).

Almost every GP in Gloucestershire now has their own learning plan. GGPET aims to prepare local GPs (in advance of whatever the recertification requirements are) by enabling local GPs to manage their own education through our Quality Assurance Kite-marking system. ( [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/courses\\_app/courses\\_app.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/courses_app/courses_app.shtml) )

With the majority of the other Medical Colleges managing their systems of CPD through “Educational Credits”, the inclusion of your own Reflective Notes from kite-marked Quality-Approved educational sessions puts local GPs ahead of the recertification process.

## Mentoring

A group of GPs within the County are interested in starting a mentoring scheme; if you have any interest or expertise in mentoring please contact Jim Morison.

## 2007/08 Programme

We are planning an ambitious programme of workshops and hot topic days for the coming autumn/winter season which will be publicised on both our own website ( [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp\\_workshops.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp_workshops.shtml) ) and <http://www.cpdforum.org.uk> (password = “gloucester”)

GGPET members are now subsidised to attend the Professional and Generic Skills courses (see [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/Prof\\_Gen.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/Prof_Gen.shtml))

Small group learning groups are available throughout the County. For more information see [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp\\_learning.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp_learning.shtml) or contact the Community GP Tutor [damiankenny@cix.co.uk](mailto:damiankenny@cix.co.uk)

Benefits of GGPET membership includes subsidised reviews of PLPs or video consultation analyses ( [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp\\_workshops.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/home/gp_workshops.shtml) by one of the educationalist team ( <http://www.ggpets.org.uk/admin/who.shtml> )

## Course Approval & Quality assurance

Courses that are quality assured by the Educational Team are kite-marked. You will have the opportunity on all these courses of completing some Reflective Notes ( [http://www.ggpets.org.uk/courses\\_app/courses\\_ap.shtml](http://www.ggpets.org.uk/courses_app/courses_ap.shtml) ) to augment your personal learning plans and which will serve as evidence for Appraisal purposes of attending bona fide educational courses

# GP Workshops for Sept—Dec 2007

## SANDFORD EDUCATION CENTRE

Tuesday 18th September 2007 (Afternoon Session)

**Colorectal Surgery—Miss Lucarotti, Consultant Surgeon, GRH**

Wednesday 26th September 2007 (Afternoon Session)

**Gynaecology—Mr Rob Gornall, Consultant Gynaecologist CGH**

Tuesday 2nd October (Afternoon Session)

**Rheumatology—Drs Elaine Smith & Hilary Johnson, Consultant Rheumatologists**

Wednesday 7th November 2007 (Morning Session)

**Paediatric Allergy—Marie Wheeler, Consultant Paediatrician CGH**

Wednesday 14th November 2007 (All-day Session)

**Master Class—Minor Ops Update (Drs Milne, Porter & Slimmings)**

Tuesday 11 December 2007 (All-day Session)

**Emergency Medicine—CGH Consultants in Emergency Medicine**

## REDWOOD EDUCATION CENTRE

Wednesday 12th September 2007 (Afternoon Session)

**Renal Medicine—Dr Richard Banks, Consultant Nephrologists, GRH**

Tuesday 27th November (Afternoon Session)

**Gastroenterology—Dr Roland Valori, Consultant Gastroenterologist GRH**

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 10th October 2007 (Afternoon Session)

**Venue: Romney House Surgery, Tetbury.**

**Renal Medicine—Dr Richard Banks, Consultant Nephrologists, GRH**

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challenging for GPs, Nurses & Managers.  
Anything can come through the door, and  
medicine is constantly advancing more  
rapidly.**

**Our need for updating is also accelerating,  
with many new resources now available to us.**

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## What is CPD Forum

CPD Forum is a "Virtual" Postgraduate Centre. It aims to offer a comprehensive list of all courses relevant to General Practice in the South West region prioritised for Gloucestershire. It offers a site for individual GPs to communicate their learning needs to the GP Tutor in an anonymised fashion, and for the GP Tutor to assist in helping the individual to access relevant courses and study modules.

Your clinical tutor will arrange, on request, for you to be sent a confidential password by the site administrator, or you can access the "What's On" section of the site using the password "gloucester"

Please visit our website for further information

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