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A healthy result for basic physician trainees

Sydney Local Health District has once again achieved outstanding results in the annual Royal Australian College of Physicians clinical exams with a 97 per cent pass rate that's well above the state average of 70 per cent.

Basic Physician Trainees at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital achieved a 96 per cent pass rate while Concord Hospital recorded a 100 per cent pass rate for the second year in a row.

For RPA's Network Director of Physician Training, Dr Peter Lim, the results again confirmed the District's commitment to training and development.



RPA Basic Physician Trainees celebrate their results.

"The state average pass rate was 70 per cent so it is a great thing to have such a large number of our trainees pass and really is a group effort of the consultant staff and trainee physicians," Dr Lim said.

"Over the past seven years, we've had three of our trainees receive the RACP College Medal with many others going on to do Postdoctoral Fellowships overseas or be involved in research," he said.

The clinical skills tested in the examination for Basic Physician Trainees include history taking, physical examination, interpretation of findings, a diagnosis, method of investigation and general management of patients which he said can be quite stressful.

"The exam is a much more formalised version of what the basic physician trainees do every day but the results are a testament of their effort and work put in the trainees themselves and by the training team," he said.

At Concord, Professor Len Kritharides said the consistent results highlighted the quality of trainees and accessibility of information and support from senior physicians.

"This is the second year in a row that all of our basic physician trainees have passed their RACP clinical exam and it really highlights the work put in by trainees as well as physicians such as Dr Sandhya Limaye and Dr Anthony Linton who put in a lot of hours outside of their normal days to mentor the doctors," Dr Kritharides said.

“Many of our basic physician trainees go onto work at other facilities but will often return to Concord Hospital at some stage which is an indication of how intellectually exciting and supportive of an environment it is,” he said.

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