

## 2020 EMERGENCY MEDICINE TRAINEE CONFERENCE EVALUATION FLYER

# Dogmalysis

In Emergency Medicine



### BACKGROUND

The annual Emergency Medicine Trainee Conference is managed on a rotational basis by the Emergency Medicine Training Networks. This year's conference was convened and hosted by Network Two of the Emergency Medicine Training Network in collaboration with the Medical Portfolio at Health Education and Training Institute (HETI). In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Conference was offered to trainees via Zoom. The aim of the annual conference is to supplement the education and training of NSW Emergency Medicine Trainees. The 2020 conference theme was *Dogmalysis* and its focus was on aspects of Emergency Medicine that may be impacted by dogma. The conference presenters questioned certain dogma, or accepted practice, and if it should be analysed in light of recent research.

### PRESENTATIONS

Network Two Director of Training, Dr Tatiana Lowe, and Education Support Officer, Marcello Gizzi, set up an interesting conference program inviting Emergency Medicine experts to explore instances of dogma and fixed practice in Emergency Departments.



Presentations in the following topics were given by leading experts:

Trauma Dogma: loosening fixed practice	A/Prof Brian Burns
CPR Dogma: do we make a difference?	A/Prof Paul Middleton
POCUS Dogma: sharpening blurred lines	Dr Justin Bowra
COVID Dogma: unravelling the local data	Dr Mel Figtree
Paediatric Dogmalysis	Dr Zoe Knights
Hydroxymoron: Dogmalysis in Toxicology	A/Prof Naren Gunja
Prehospital Dogma: tales from the trenches	Dr Sarah Aldington
Resus Dogmalysis	A/Prof Cliff Reid

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

The afternoon session included facilitated workshops:

Training Dogmalysis	Dr Tom Evans
Airway Scenarios	A/Professor Cliff Reid
Fellowship Exam Preparation	Dr John Kennedy

## EVALUATION RESULTS

The conference attendees were asked to complete an online evaluation survey at the close of the conference. There were sixty-two attendees at the conference and twenty-three (37%) responded to the survey. The survey questions asked respondents to give each presentation and interactive workshop a rating of one to five stars, with five stars being the highest rating.

Overall, the respondents found the conference presentations and workshops increased their knowledge and understanding of the topics covered. Respondent ratings of the presentations and workshops were consistently high.

Comments offered by respondents were very positive, highlighting the value of the conference and the interesting topics covered. The expertise of the presenters was also noted and appreciated.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on responses to the survey it was recommended that future Emergency Medicine Trainee Conferences cover the following topics: Complex resuscitation/alterations to resuscitation, exam preparation workshops for both Primary and Fellowship Exams, NIV uses, contraindications, transportation of patient upstairs, using as a temporising measure in a patient with limited goals of care and Orthopedic/ Surgical/ ENT/ Ophthalmology emergencies

Next year's conference will be hosted by Network Five. The date and location of the 2021 Emergency Medicine Trainee Conference is yet to be announced.