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Subject: Therapeutics Course

Dear Colin,

I meant to respond to your excellent presentation at the Bluesky conference some time ago.

The revelation regarding compulsory therapeutics certainly threw a spanner in the collective works and has had me thinking for some time about my professional situation.

My group, National Vision Optometrists, have 7 Optometrists working in a consult only setting - 5 are over 50, one in his late 20's, and a new graduate who is therapeutically endorsed.

Four of the five over 50's have previously completed a therapeutics course in the late 90's.

Our model of practice does not allow for long absences from the practices.

So here is my suggestion which you have probably considered already- With 3 or 4 universities providing undergraduate therapeutics any of these (or all) could provide an online therapeutics course using the taped undergraduate lectures. Couple this with say two additional therapeutics long weekend workshops and the theory component of the course would be covered with minimal impact on our business.

This would lend itself beautifully to getting more of us across the therapeutics line.

We have all agreed that a weekly/fortnightly study group for us all would be an important part of the learning process.

This idea may already be in place in which case ignore the above, but to me (having seen my daughter viewing her uni lectures on line) and with our mode of practice it would lend itself perfectly to gaining our therapeutics qualification.

I appreciate your feedback.

Yours Sincerely,

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