



Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program

COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the rapidly escalating situation in regard to the Corona virus outbreak, VGMT will immediately suspend all activities that brings together large numbers of people. In making this decision, the Board of Studies has taken into consideration the risks to our trainees, our patients and our specialist workforce as a whole. We have also been cogent of the advice from the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer, DHHS and from St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, the lead hospital of VGMT.

Webinars will replace state-wide training until further notice. The webinars will occur on Thursday afternoons when state-wide training is scheduled. Details of the webinars will be distributed prior to each session. Access will be restricted to trainees registered with VGMT.

VGMT does not consider hosting webinars as being equivalent to what is offered in our state-wide teaching program. The socio-cultural aspects and interactivity are hard to replicate. We will attempt to build these aspects into the webinar sessions in the future.

VGMT will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of any changes. The latest news will appear on www.vgmt.org

Please take care and follow the directives issued by your health service and DHHS <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

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Benny Katz
13th March, 2020