

Course Title : USANZ Trainee Week, Brisbane, Australia

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A) Background

Urological Association of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) trainee week 2010 is a mandatory component of the SET programme in Urology for all SET 3-5 trainees. This involves 60-70 trainees from across Australia and New Zealand. This year, the venue was in Brisbane, Queensland Australia.

B) Programme objectives

The programme consists of two components. VIVAs and written assessed each trainee. Lectures delivered by each trainee were facilitated by expert Consultant Urologists.

The aims include:

- Objective assessment
- Learning through lectures and discussions
- Coverage of less common topics e.g. male incontinence, spinal injury and urodynamics
- Networking

C) Lessons learnt

Learning and the exchange of ideas were conducted in a casual and friendly setting. The participants were able to ask questions and share their experiences.

D) Networking

Networking with fellow UAA, BAUS and USANZ participants.

E) Benefits

I have benefited much from the opportunity to observe and participate in the training programme. There were a great many similarities between the training in Singapore and Australia/ New Zealand. Based on this common ground, the interaction and information sharing was enlightening and enjoyable.

F) Recommendations

I would recommend this programme to all other residents. I would also like to thank the UAA and USANZ committee for giving me the opportunity to attend this meeting.