



## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S COMMENT

While 2010 was a great year for the Clinical School it finished on a very sad note; it was with great sadness that we learnt of the accidental death of an important colleague and friend, Mark Laws, who drowned while diving for paua. Mark was the founding Head of the Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi computer information science and technology faculty in Whakatane. In recent months we had collectively made great progress on a joint online diabetes project following a successful trip to the University of Hawaii involving Rana, Mark and Kingsley Nirmalaraj. Mark was the project instigator, the telemedicine expert and the link to both the Wananga and Hawaii for the Clinical School. Mark's death is a great loss to us all.

On a brighter note, the Health Research Council has recently approved funding for a Midland-wide prostate cancer project which we will be involved in with Waikato. Professor Ross Lawrenson will be the lead investigator and the project will follow a group of patients over the course of their disease. There are a number of pharmaceutical studies underway and the ENT cold-sterilant study has enrolled over 80 patients to date. Well done to Rana and her team. Importantly, the Clinical Trials Unit and the Bay of Plenty Medical Research Trust are joining forces effective from 1 February which will further consolidate the DHB's research activities. We welcome Wendy, Mary, Lynley and Yvonne into the Clinical School team.

There are also a number of important new initiatives occurring on the University of Auckland front. We will receive a full cohort of Trainee Interns from 2012, 'selective' 5th year students will commence in Whakatane in 2011 and we are still progressing the rural 6th year student cohort for 2012 in conjunction with both Otago and Auckland Universities which will be based in the new Whakatane facility. A big year lies ahead.

***Peter Gilling, Head of School***

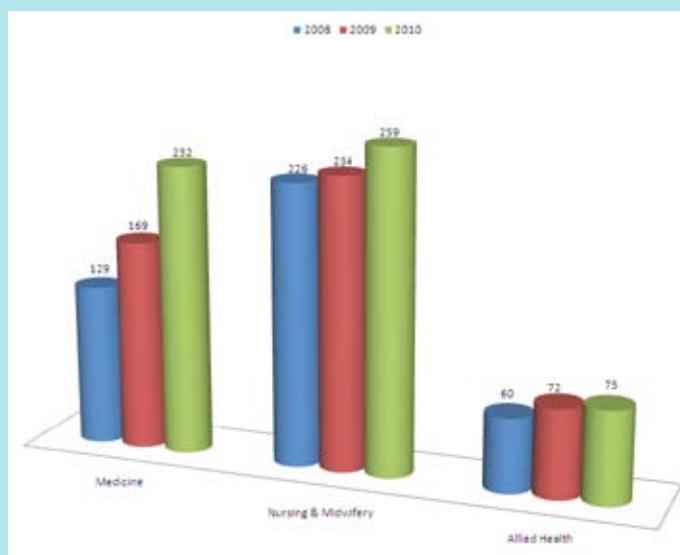
# STUDENT PLACEMENTS

From October to December 2010, 140 students completed hospital-based placements and for the 2010 calendar year a record 566 students were placed in our services. This is 101 more students than were placed in 2008.

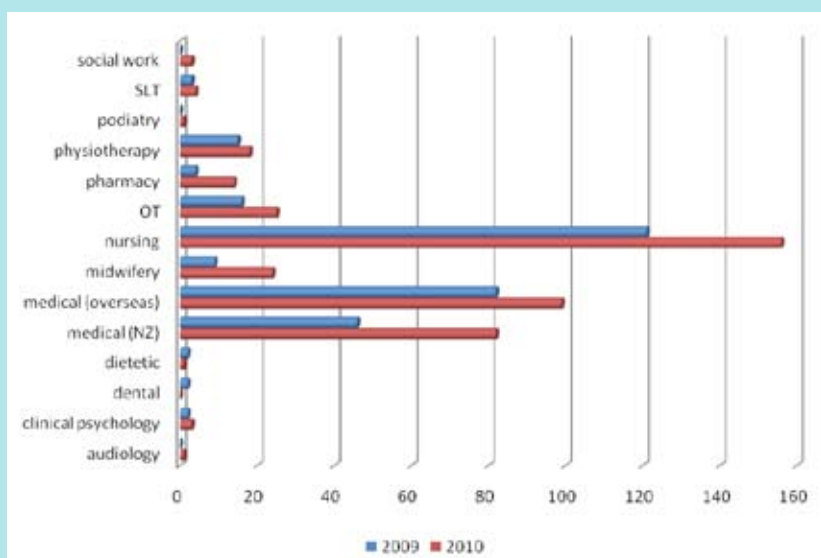
## Exit survey feedback for Quarter Two 10/11 (Oct to Dec 10)

Exit surveys were completed by 93 students this quarter with 100% confirming overall satisfaction with their placement experience, 93% agreeing that they are now more likely to apply for a position with the Bay of Plenty District Health Board when they graduate and 100% stating that they will encourage other students to seek a clinical placement at the Bay of Plenty District Health Board.

## Placements by Student Type 2008, 2009 and 2010



## Student Type 2009 vs 2010



## Additional comments included:

*"The Tauranga Hospital doctors were so friendly and inclusive of us – very warm people. Looking forward to starting here as a House Officer."*

***"Loved it. Amazing team of health professionals. Great dynamics and team environment. Thank you!"***

*"I thoroughly enjoyed my placement. It far exceeds experiences of other students at different DHB's."*

***"I greatly enjoyed my placement here within the DHB. Given the chance I would definitely return. Staff were very welcoming and helpful and the patients and clients were lovely!"***

*"I thoroughly enjoyed my placement in Whakatane. I found the entire paediatric team extremely helpful, patient and willing to teach. They made this an unforgettable journey for me in the most positive way. Thank you."*

***"I was impressed with the professional treatment of students, including the orientation. I think it was great being under the umbrella of a great Clinical School – well done!"***

*"I had a fantastic experience with BOPDHB. It surpassed all my expectations and has increased my knowledge and my confidence."*

# EDUCATION & TRAINING

From October to December 2010, 394 training events were offered and attended by 3,469 delegates. A total of 966 unique users logged on to our e-learning resources and 101 completed on-line modules.

The Education Centre team has a busy year ahead, with teaching space in the new Cameron Road facility being highly sought after by District Health Board staff and a range of external

training providers. The School website is currently being updated to include information on the range of training spaces now offered for use/hire, and this update should be complete by the end of the month. Facilities available for training include:

Facility	Capacity
Skills Laboratory	10-beds
Clinical skills room	50 people
Education Room 1	120 people
Education Rooms 2 & 3	25 people
Education Room 4	50 people
PC suite, Education Centre	4 people (at computers)
IT Training Room, Pohutukawa House	12 people (at computers)
Lecture theatre, Kowhai House	46 fixed seats and 50 extra chairs
Conference Hall	400 people

For further information go to:- [www.bopdhb.govt.nz/ClinicalSchool](http://www.bopdhb.govt.nz/ClinicalSchool) or contact:- [EducationCentre.Admin@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:EducationCentre.Admin@bopdhb.govt.nz)

## RESEARCH

***Rana Reuther, Research Manager***



It is with immense excitement and enthusiasm that we start 2011 here in the Clinical Trials Unit. We are very much looking forward to working with the experienced research nurses Wendy, Mary, Lynley and Yvonne, from the Bay of Plenty

Medical Research Trust as we join forces in February. This is a very positive step forward for research in the Bay of Plenty District Health Board and shows how far we have come in one year.

We look forward to recruiting our first patient for the tibial fracture study now that our site has been initiated. Mr Andrew Stokes from the Orthopedic Department is the lead investigator and Sonia Moynan the primary research nurse. It is great that we have the backing of all the orthopedic surgeons so we should meet our recruitment targets quickly.

It was with extreme sadness we received the news of Associate Professor Mark Law's death. His enthusiasm for the diabetes project was unbeatable and he was a pleasure to work with. This is such a tragic loss for the Clinical School and the Bay of Plenty District Health Board as well as for the Whakatane community.

# NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

Construction of the Clinical School facility on the Whakatane Hospital campus has progressed as planned and relocation to this building commences this month.

Lyndell Jones (former administrator for the Learning Plus team) has numerous duties including being responsible for the clinical school reception desk, managing the Eastern Bay of Plenty training and education bookings, and will work closely

with Stephanie Wynne, our student placement coordinator, to coordinate Eastern Bay of Plenty student placements.

The new library and IT training room in this facility should be ready for use at the end of March.

## EVENTS .....

### Valued contribution



Hilary Corbett, Pip Percival, Katie Goodman, Suzanne Laird, Leona Bowman

In December five allied health staff were recognised for their valued contribution and the difference they make to their patients and their services.

Hilary Corbett was acknowledged for her contribution as a rehabilitation assistant, Pip Percival as a leader/manager, Katie Goodman for her role in administration support, Suzanne Laird as a practitioner with fewer than 5 years in the profession and Leona Bowman as a practitioner with more than 5 years in the profession.

### Medical Research Awards

The School's inaugural medical research awards were held in November and six finalists presented their research.



Dr Libby Tompsett

First prize of \$2,000 was presented to Dr Libby Tompsett, Cardiology, for her study entitled "Conscious Sedation in the Emergency Department : How Safe is Our Practice?" and \$500 was presented to the runners up Dr John Malcolm, Paediatrician, Hana Hawarira, Kaiwhakahaere and Lyn Hartley, Health Promotion Co-ordinator, Whakatane, for their study entitled "Manawa Ora - School Echos for Undiagnosed Rheumatic Heart Disease".



## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND APPOINTMENT FOR HEAD OF SCHOOL

From 1 January 2011 our Head of School Mr Peter Gilling has been appointed a full Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland. This will mean an even closer working relationship between our Clinical School and the University.

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