

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S COMMENT

It has been a busy quarter most notably with the amalgamation of the Clinical School, the Learning Plus team and Library services. Learning Plus was the staff training and education service formerly within Human Resources and library services reported to the DHB's information management services. This begins the process of housing all the educational entities within the DHB 'under-one-roof'. Central co-ordination of these formerly separate groups will hopefully have noticeable benefits in the months to come.



Other news concerning the Midland-based rural student initiative which would have been centered in Whakatane, is that proposals from both Otago and Auckland Universities have been endorsed and the two will work together on a joint initiative. The budget has not been altered however. Further news is pending but this will help create a useful focus for the Whakatane Clinical School development.

A further Midland-based proposal for Health Research Council funding has been submitted concerning prostate cancer screening and its downstream effects. Patient flow through both the private and public sectors will be followed over time at both Primary and Secondary level.

A range of other interesting research activities are in various stages of evolution and involve a number of different departments. Of particular note is the ENT instrument sterilisation study which kicks-off this week with Brandon Hitchcock as the Principal Investigator. This study is important as it was entirely initiated and devised locally and will be both presentable and publishable in the long-term and may have meaningful ramifications for work practices and cost at this DHB.

*Peter Gilling, Head of School*

## CLINICAL TRAINING



Taranaki DHB Skills Laboratory

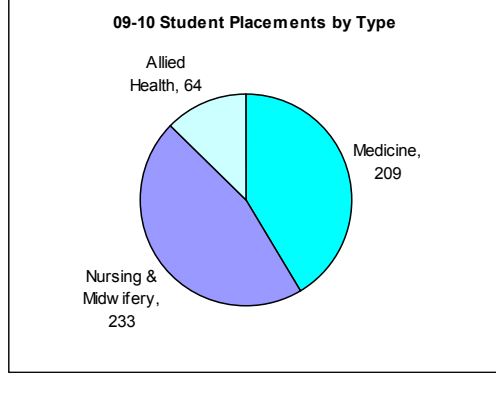
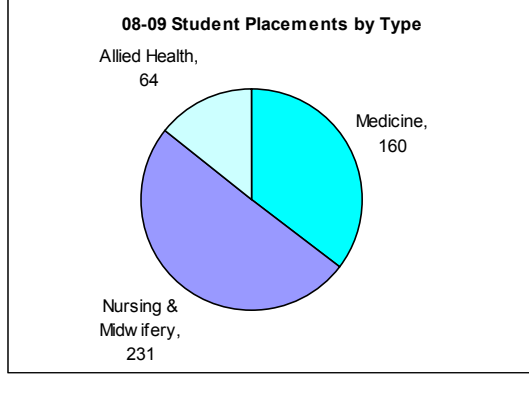
My focus in the last few months has been on scoping the resources needed to establish a fully-equipped skills laboratory. BOPDHB is the only large DHB in New Zealand (7<sup>th</sup> largest) that does not have such a facility. I have visited six skills laboratories around the country and spent time with the people who have successfully developed these facilities. The support offered to me from the National Skills Laboratory Society and individuals within this group has been gratefully received.

Another important focus, linked with the recent merger of Clinical School and Learning Plus services, is to grow the development of e-learning within the organisation. This learning mode has huge potential and a solid base to grow from thanks to the work of our e-learning facilitator and others.

The PGY2 weekly teaching sessions that have been trialed since March have now ceased but will recommence in January 2011. This has been a useful exercise and has demonstrated the organisation's commitment to a group within the medical fraternity who are seen by the Medical Council of New Zealand as lacking support in an important watershed phase of their careers. The PGY2 trainees have found the programme developed for them to be helpful.

*Neil Graham, Director of Clinical Training*

186 students completed placements in our services between April and June, which is 22 more than in the same period last year. The biggest increase in placements over the past year has been in medical student placements as shown in the graphs below:

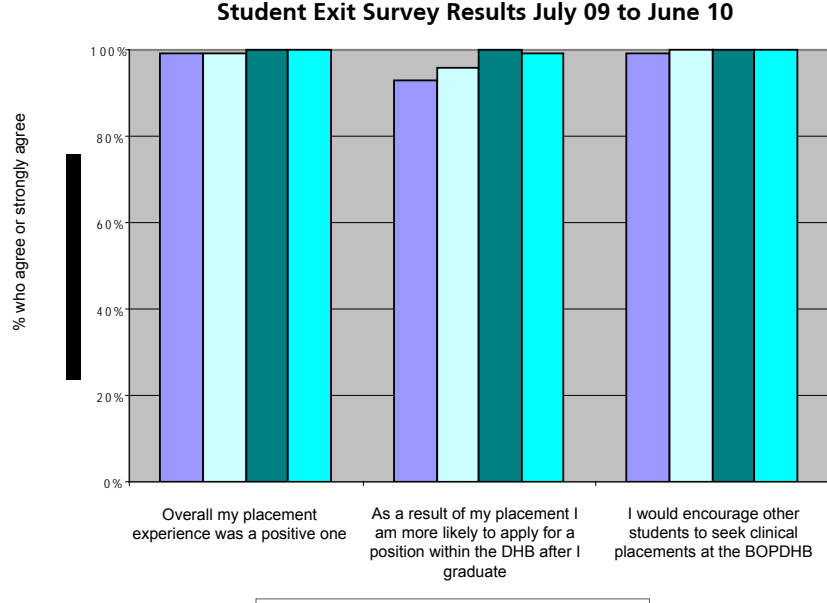


A snapshot of placements in progress at financial end (i.e. the number and mix of students on our premises on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010) looked like this:

Placement	Student Type	Programme	AUT	Massey University	University of Auckland	Waiariki Institute of Technology	Waikato Institute of Technology	University of Cambridge	University of East Anglia	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	University of Sheffield	Total
TGA Hospital	clin psych	DipClinPsych		1								1
TGA Hospital	physio	BHSc(Physio)	4									4
TGA Hospital	nursing	BN				28						28
TGA Hospital	nursing	BMid					11					11
TGA Hospital	medical	MBChB			7							7
TGA Hospital	medical	MBBS							2	5	2	9
TGA Hospital	medical	MBBChir						1				1
WHK Hospital	physio	BHSc(Physio)	2									2
WHK Hospital	nursing	BN				11						11
WHK Hospital	nursing	BMid					1					1
WHK Hospital	medical	MBChB			1							1
			6	1	8	39	12	1	2	5	2	76

### Exit survey feedback for Quarter 4 09/10 (April to June 2010)

This quarter we obtained perfect scores for two of our key performance indicators (100% confirming overall satisfaction with their placement experience, and 100% agreeing that they will encourage other students to seek a clinical placement at BOPDHB) and 95% agreed that as a result of their placement they are more likely to apply for a position with the BOPDHB when they graduate.



### Additional comments included:

*"Loved my placement and experience at Tauranga Hospital. I am very, very keen to apply for a job here as a House Officer."*

*"I found the practicum experience hugely valuable to me in both self growth and professional development. Staff were exceptionally generous with their time and knowledge. I feel this experience was extremely positive, well-organised and vital to developing comprehensive nurses."*

*"I will strongly recommend this hugely enjoyable placement/location."*

*"My overall experience was very helpful to me. The staff were very willing to teach me and were very supportive to my learning throughout my placement. My participation was encouraged by staff consequently making me feel part of the team. Everyone was very kind and answered my questions to my level of understanding. The staff made it easy for me to learn as much as I could. Their positive attitudes spurred me to want to learn more. I appreciate everyone's contribution to my learning. I am humbly grateful for this experience. Thank you."*

*"These guys (the Ophthalmology team) are freakin amazing!"*

The amount of positive feedback received about individual student supervisors and preceptors has grown enormously – and there are too many individual staff members receiving praise this quarter for us to list names in this newsletter. A complete set of student exit survey results and comments for each service is distributed each quarter to student supervisors and relevant service managers. Contact them if you would like a copy of your quarterly student exit survey results or contact the Clinical School.

## RESEARCH

Rana Reuther, Research Manager

The Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) has recently employed three research nurses. Joanna Pickford has been working in research, mainly urology focused, for the past three years.

She is also the Robotic Surgical Assistant for Peter Gilling. Jennifer Goodson is a current BOPDHB employee and is an experienced research nurse in many different specialties. Sonia Moynan is new to research but is an experienced theatre nurse and will be a familiar face to many of you.

The first original research study to be done through the CTU comparing three different disinfectants used in ENT services is underway. We anticipate this study to take 12-18 months to recruit the required number of 195 participants. Mr Brandon Hitchcock is the Principal Investigator with Mr Peter Sherman, Associate Professor Wouter Ten Cate, Mr Tim Mathews, Dr Dinaz Irani, Associate Professor Peter Gilling and Dr Michael Addidle as co-investigators. Jeannie Bruning, ENT Specialist Nurse, will be working closely with the research nurses to conduct this study.

Our thanks go to the Bay of Plenty Medical Research Trust and the BOPDHB Māori Health Planning and Funding Unit for donating funds for the community-based diabetes online programme. In May, Dr Kingsley

Nirmalaraj (BOPDHB Diabetologist and Endocrinologist), Associate Professor Dr Mark Laws (Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi) and myself spent five days at the University of Hawai'i discussing the potential of the Diabetes Management Programme. Information gained on this visit will be used to prepare a report on the feasibility of using this technology to benefit patients in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.



Left to right: Dr Kingsley Nirmalaraj (BOPDHB); Joe Humphry's (University of Hawai'i); Dr Mark Laws (Wananga); Deborah Birkmire-Peters and David Yun (University of Hawai'i); Rana Reuther (BOP Clinical School); Healani Chang and Sven-Erik Bursell (University of Hawai'i).

## NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

The recent amalgamation of Clinical School services with the BOPDHB's staff education services and library services has rapidly expanded our numbers.

We are very fortunate to have been allocated the premises at 889 Cameron Road (formerly the RSA) to accommodate this service growth. This facility is now known as the Clinical School Education Centre and staff responsible for education and training will be based in this centre. These premises are being refurbished to provide a number of meeting and tutorial rooms, a computer room and a skills laboratory. Once refurbishment is complete all training and meetings booked to rooms in the ground floor of Pohutukawa House (except for IT training) will relocate to this facility.

The School's facilities in the ground floor of Pohutukawa House will be dedicated for use as a Clinical Trials Unit and outpatient facilities

will be established in the space formerly used as the skills laboratory.

Plans for a Clinical School on the Whakatane Hospital campus have also been finalised by combining the existing education and IT training rooms with the old AT&R building that was relocated from Tauranga Hospital. This facility provides a multi-purpose Education Centre that will be the hub for EBOP Clinical School management and development, student placement coordination, education and training (including library services and IT training) and research. It is hoped that this facility will be ready for use early next year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS .....

### Bay of Plenty CLINICAL SCHOOL creating our future health workforce

#### Bay of Plenty Clinical School Research Awards

The Clinical School is revamping the DHB's 'Innovation and Research Awards'. This event will now be split into two with each event being held annually.

Plans are underway for the inaugural 'Bay of Plenty Clinical School Awards' which will be held later in 2010, with an 'Innovation Awards' meeting to be held in 2011.

This year, it is envisaged that anyone who has completed a medical research project in the past year will be invited to submit an abstract to the Research Awards panel, and finalists will then be asked to present their findings at a forum at which judging will take place. The winning entry will receive \$2000 to spend on research-related activities with the runner-up \$500. Entry criteria and details will be circulated shortly.

**NEW ZEALAND CLINICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE**  
NZACR  
Hosted by the New Zealand Association of Clinical Research - www.nzacrnz.org.nz

**Sky City Convention Centre, Auckland, New Zealand**

**26th & 27th August 2010**

The Clinical Research Conference Programme has now been finalised.

Go to [www.nzacrnz.org.nz](http://www.nzacrnz.org.nz) to view the full programme.



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