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### **Local doctors participate in a new emergency training workshop**

Rural Health West hosted the inaugural Paediatric Emergencies and Clinical Healthcare Scenarios (PEaCHS) workshop at the Busselton Health Campus on 4 December 2015. The PEaCHS workshop covers all aspects of paediatric emergency care and is one of the first workshops solely dedicated to this training in Western Australia.

The fully subscribed workshop was facilitated by three emergency physicians, Dr Colin Parker, Dr Simon Wood and Dr Yuresh Naidoo, who have extensive experience in paediatric care. Sixteen delegates attended who were all local general practitioners from across the South West region including Bunbury, Margaret River and Busselton.

General practitioners working in rural locations appreciate the opportunity to attend a local workshop where they can meet and ask questions to a specialist who they otherwise wouldn't have direct access to.

"As most training workshops are run in the Perth metropolitan area, having a workshop located in my local community is a huge advantage. I also enjoy the practical side of learning as it helps to prepare for a real life situation" stated a workshop delegate.

The workshop placed a heavy focus on practical training where delegates took a hands-on approach to learning new skills. The scenarios addressed cases that would typically be found in an emergency department such as resuscitation, illness and trauma and varied from neonatal care to young teenagers. Scenario training has proven to be an efficient way of teaching key learning points and provide experience on how to make informed decisions in a highly pressured environment.

"Rural doctors are the backbone of emergency care in their local hospitals, practices and the community. They need to be able to manage various complications without the immediate assistance of a team of specialists", stated Leesa Thomas, the Manager for Continuing Professional Development at Rural Health West.

"Rural Health West facilitates over 30 workshops across the state in order to retain doctors, ensure their knowledge is current and support them to continue their important work and offer the best care to their community".

Rural Health West will be hosting the PEaCHS workshop again in Broome, Geraldton and Perth in 2016.

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As the leading rural health workforce agency for Western Australia, Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments responsible for the recruitment and retention of a highly skilled sustainable health workforce to meet the needs to rural and remote Western Australians communities.

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