

# Insight

Department of Anatomy with Radiology– Postgraduate Medical Imaging Programme

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## Welcome from Brett

I would like to welcome all of our current and prospective students to medical imaging. I am privileged to be the inaugural program director for our new postgraduate programme and have already enjoyed meeting many of you.

We have now moved from a 12 month effort of setting up the new program into the development of specific courses, which we are now delivering to our first intake of students.

I am very enthusiastic about the future of medical imaging in New Zealand, and strongly support the future extension of roles into new areas of advanced practice for those of you who have these ambitions.

Everyone on the team appreciate student contact, and realise that this can be more challenging with a distance based course. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are things we can help with such as course enrolment, course planning, assignments, block courses, supervision or any questions you may have.

We have a well-established Masters and PhD program in medical imaging with a mix of medical, engineering, biological, physics, and other graduates, and are hoping to see some of you considering taking this next step in the future.

I would like to wish you all well in each of your respective careers and hope that you will enjoy the educational experience offered by the University of Auckland.

Brett Cowan  
Programme Director

## New Team Member

This semester we are pleased to announce the arrival of Rhonda-Joy Sweeney who has joined our team as a Professional Teaching Fellow. Rhonda-Joy's expertise is mammography and she will be coordinating next semester's Mammographic Clinical Practice course. In addition, Rhonda-Joy will be actively involved in the Professional Issues in Medical Imaging course being offered next semester and then in 2014 she will take over from Leigh Paine as Course Coordinator of Mammographic Imaging Technology. Leigh will continue to provide assistance in an advisory capacity.

## On-campus block courses

This semester has seen the successful running of the first two on-campus block courses, one for ultrasound and the other for MRI students. 18 MRI students and 7 ultrasound students attended and feedback was positive with comments such as:

*'Very good course, been great meeting everybody and learning from people who are so passionate about MRI and teaching.'*

*'This has been awesome 😊'*

*'Great block course! Looking forward to the next one'*

*'The most helpful parts were the interactive learning, seeing the probes and elements inside them and being able to ask questions.'*



## Supervisors' Workshop

As well as students being able to visit us on-campus, 27 of our workplace Clinical Supervisors attended the inaugural Supervisors' Training Workshop. This workshop provided a forum for supervisors to gain an overall understanding of the principles of supervision as well as training on the specific assessment tasks that they will be required to undertake.

- 'A well conducted, interactive workshop...Enjoyed it 😊
- 'Given me more confidence in my ability to supervise students'

## Clinical Assessors

The longitudinal evaluation of performance (LEP) assessment will be one of the summative assessments of clinical competency that students will complete as part of the Clinical Practice courses and this assessment is performed in the student's workplace primarily by their Clinical Supervisor. In addition to our Clinical Supervisors, other experienced staff may complete a short online module to enable them to become a University of Auckland approved Clinical Assessor and be able to perform some of the LEP assessments. A range of assessors has been shown to improve the reliability of the assessment as well as sharing the workload for Supervisors.

If you would like to read further about this type of assessment and consider becoming a Clinical Assessor, or have any other questions, please contact the Medical Imaging Clinical Liaison Team at [MIClinical@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:MIClinical@auckland.ac.nz)

## Electronic Logbooks

Supervisors of students working in a clinical training position in MRI, ultrasound or mammography now have access to their student's e-logbooks and portfolios. It is anticipated that this will encourage collaborative learning opportunities and additional support for students in their collection of clinical competency evidence.

## MEDIMAGE 702: 'Professional Issues in Medical Imaging'

This course is currently being developed by Dr Jill Yelder and Andrea Thompson, both of whom will be familiar to many of you in the medical imaging community. The course will be of interest to many in the profession as it investigates current and topical issues in-depth.

Application to the course may occur now and it is open to all registered MRTs. This would be a great course to try out postgraduate study and to earn CPD points at the same time! Be quick, places are filling up quickly...

## Upcoming Dates

### NOW

Application to enrol for semester 2 courses is now open

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

End of Semester 1

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)

Board of Studies Meeting

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Start of semester 2

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Advisory Board Meeting

## Contact us:

Some of you have already made inquiries and are on the medical imaging database; if you did not receive this newsletter personally and would like to, please drop us an email.

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