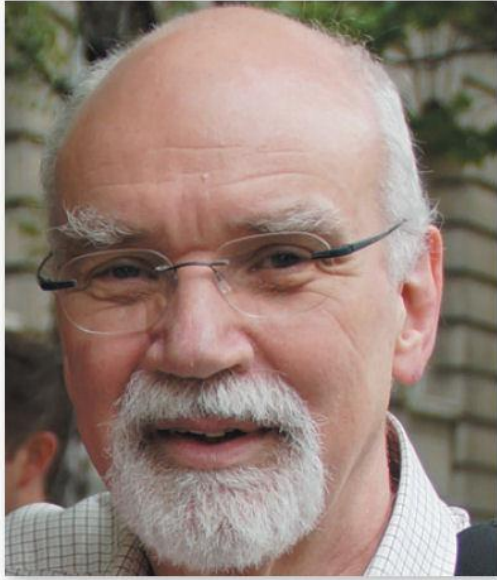




# Dr Branko Sijnja

General Practitioner

Director, Clutha Community Health Company,  
Balclutha

Saturday, August 13, 2016

(Plenary)

15:00 - 15:20 Teaching Tomorrow's Rural Workforce in General Practice

# Teaching Tomorrow's Rural Workforce in General Practice

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**Branko Sijnja**

**“Critical shortage of doctors in NZ small towns”**

**Ross Lawrenson 14 July 2016**

# Stocktake

## Rural Medicine in Dunedin School of Medicine

- Community Contact Week all 3<sup>rd</sup> years - 1 week
- 4th Years - 5 weeks in Dept of General Practice and Rural Health
  - ❑ 8 – 10 sessions each over 3 weeks during that time in urban general practice
- 5th Years - 5 weeks attached to rural general practice
  - ❑ 1 week follow up
- Trainee Interns – 6th years - 2 ½ weeks General Practice attachment

# Rural Medicine in Christchurch School of Medicine

- One of the centres for Community Contact Week.
- 4<sup>th</sup> yrs 8 weeks GP modules in urban GP
- Nil in 5<sup>th</sup> year
- TIs do 4 weeks in rural GP

# Rural Medicine in Wellington School of Medicine

- Community Contact week
- 4<sup>th</sup> years - 5 weeks in the GP module
  - 3 days are spent in GP Full day Placement and
  - 4 days in Intensive Week GP
- 5<sup>th</sup> years - 2 consecutive weeks of a lecture based module
- Trainee Interns 6 weeks at a GP practice

# Rural Medicine in Auckland School of Medicine

- Fifth year
  - Pukawakawa programme – Whangarei based – 7 weeks in Rural settings Integrated care and General Practice. 24 students
  - University of Auckland 2 weeks General Practice
  - Whakatane – Rural Health Interprofessional Immersion Project 2012 – 5 week blocks in Whakatane an Opotiki with Physio, Nursing, Pharmacy and Medicine students



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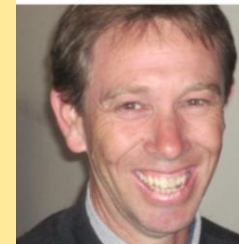
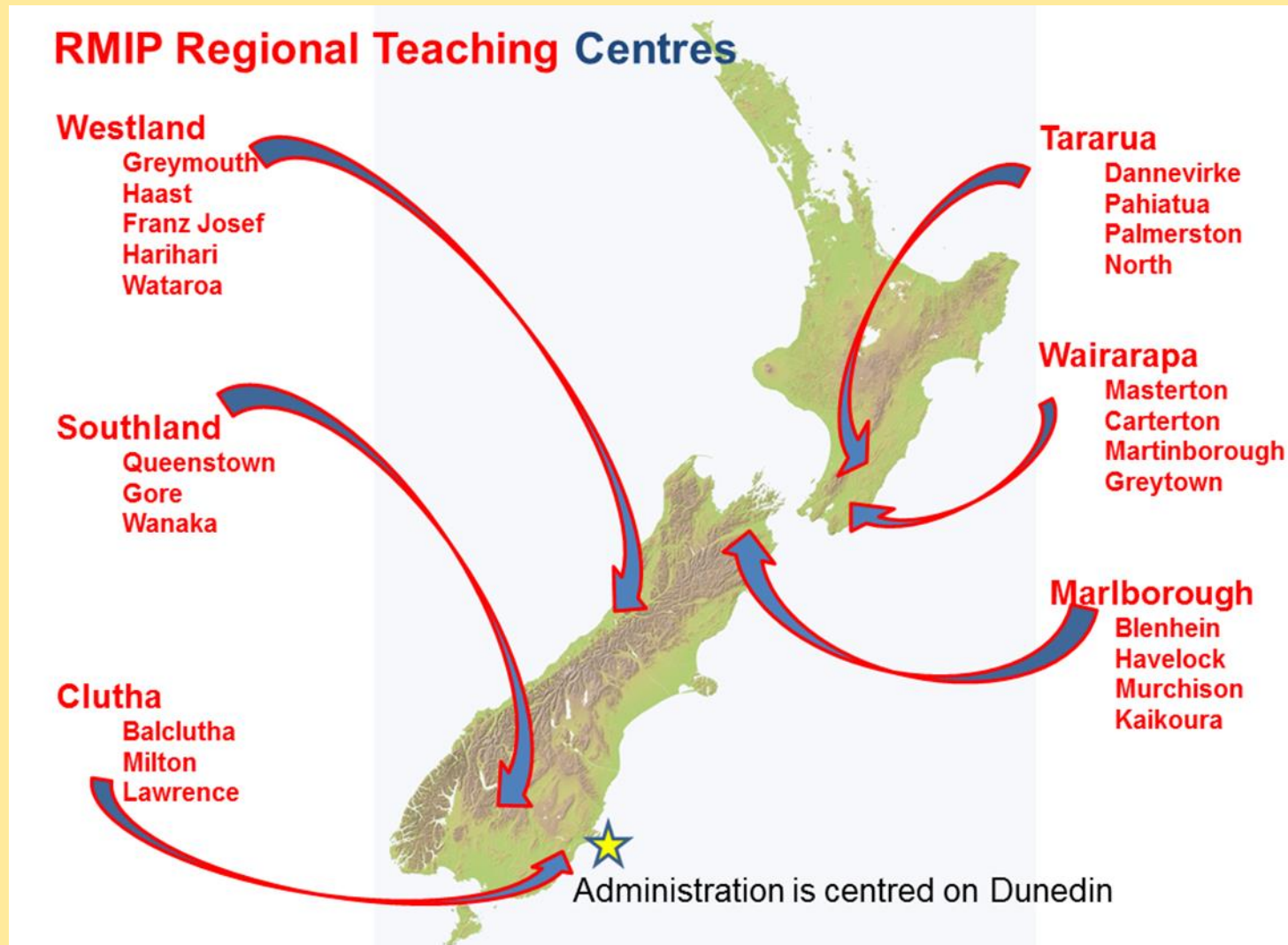
# Rural Medical Immersion Programme



# Three Clinical Schools



# Six Regional Teaching Centres



# RMIP 2016

**WEST COAST**



**SOUTHLAND**



**CLUTHA**



**TARARUA**



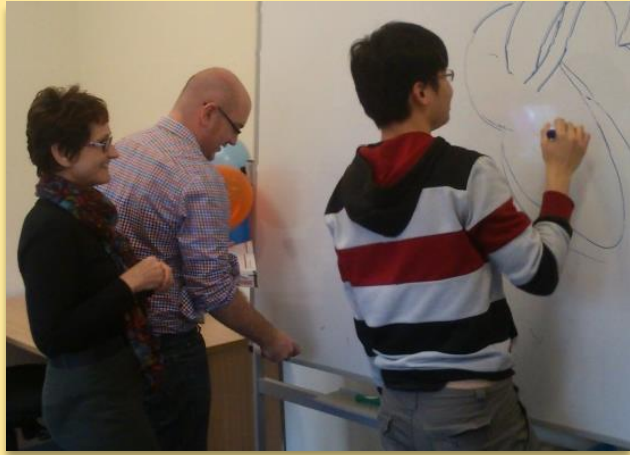
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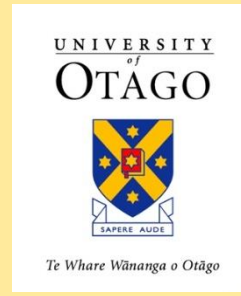
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# Student Facility



# Opportunities in all Centres



- Hospital/Clinic
  - Base Hospital
  - Local Hospital
  - Psych Med Team
- General Practice
  - Local
  - More remote practices
- Other
  - Pharmacist
  - Midwife
  - Primary Care Nurse



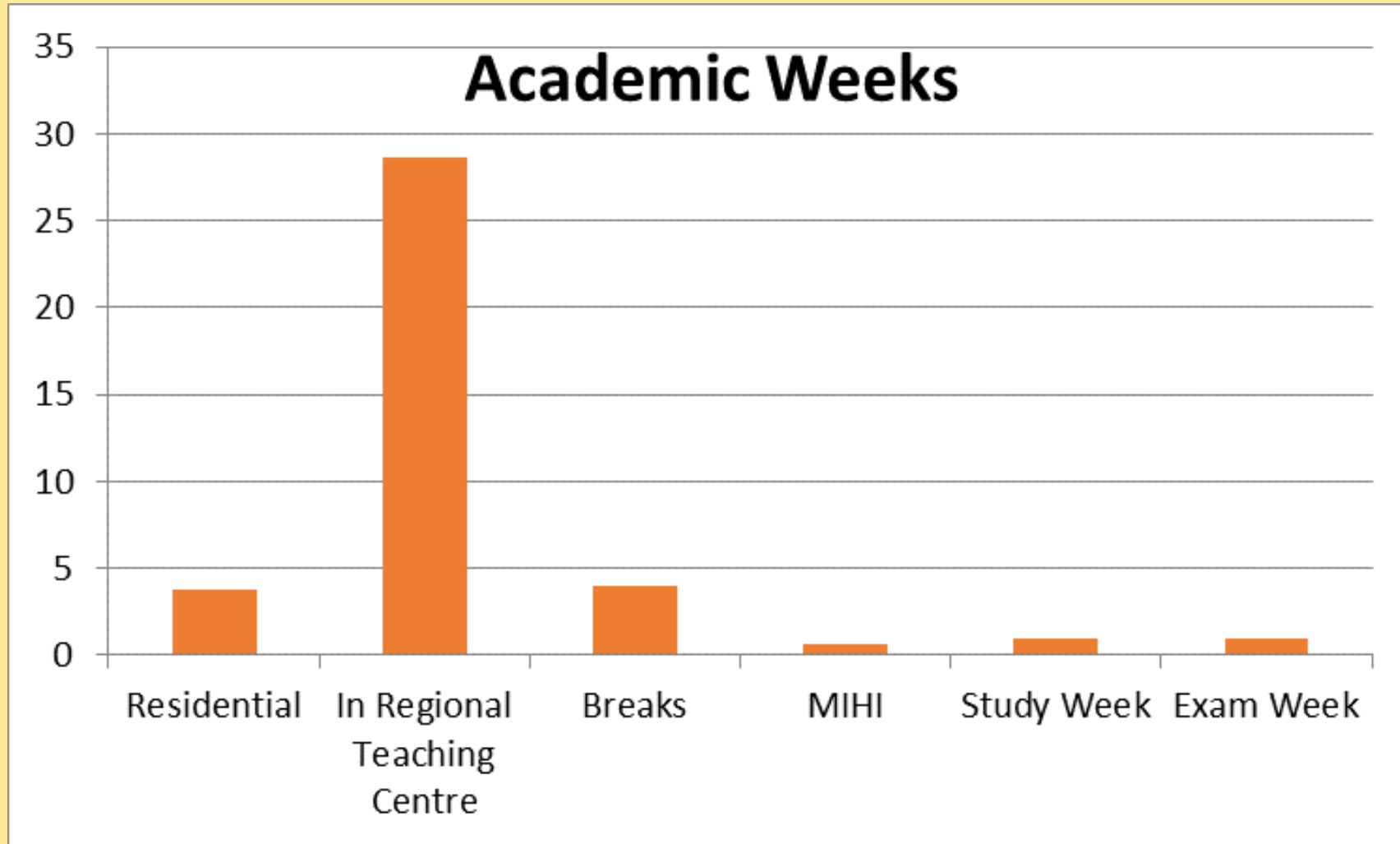
# We aim to achieve:

## 50% exposure to General Practice

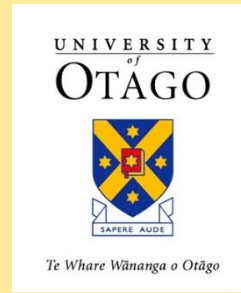


## And 50% exposure to Rural Hospital Experience

# Profile of the programme



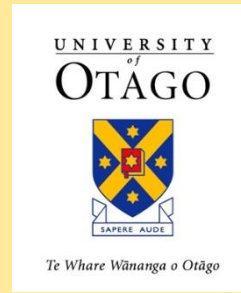
# The Experience



***“Being engaged with communities, being challenged, getting a real taste of what being a doctor was all about. I had some doubts about actually doing medicine up until my 5th year, and the RMIP course consolidated that this was in fact something I wanted to do”***

***Ex RMIP Student***

# Patient Contact



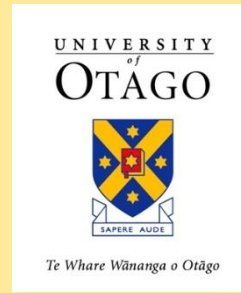
**GOOD  
EXPOSURE  
TO PATIENT  
CONTACT IN  
BOTH  
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AND  
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PRACTICE**



- **One on One  
patient contact**
- **Hands on  
Experience**

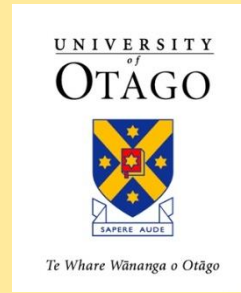
***“The patient interaction,  
continuity of care that is involved  
in rural practice”*** ex RMIP student

# Residentials



|              |         |          |
|--------------|---------|----------|
| Dunedin      | 2 weeks | February |
| Christchurch | 1 week  | June     |
| Wellington   | 1 week  | August   |

# Good Environment For Student Teaching



# In General Practices



Renwick Medical Centre



Wanaka Medical Centre



Amuri Community Health Centre Rotherham



Clutha Health First

# ROADSIDE TO BEDSIDE CARE



Follow  
patients  
from home  
to the rural  
hospital



and follow patients if referred to urban  
hospital

***“Working with awesome GPs and developing confidence in my abilities. Friendly consultants in rural hospital”*** ex RMIP Student



# Follow Patient Into Tertiary Hospital



*Via helicopter*

*Into ICU*



# Experience The Mobile Surgical Bus In Smaller Centres

*“The relevance of how 'hands on' the year was probably was more evident when we became TI's and felt more confident”* ex RMIP student



# Gaining Experience



# Immersion in a Community



*“getting involved in the community, I played for one of the local sports teams & socialised with them”*

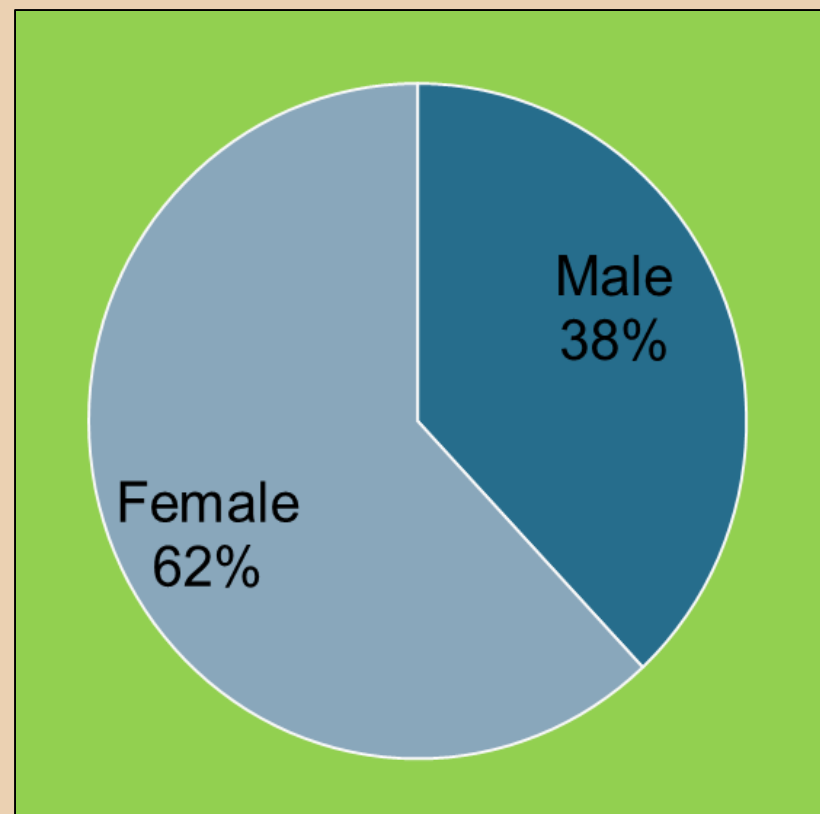
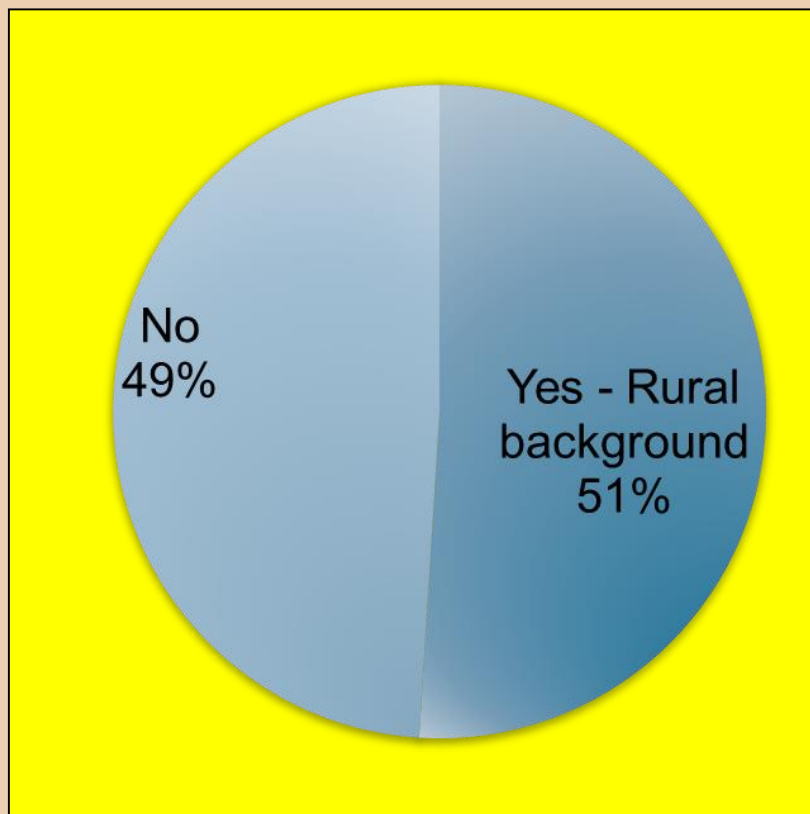
ex RMIP Student

# 2015 Survey



- Population of 100 Doctors ex RMIP 2007-2012
- 73% response rate
- Olivia Hill and Dan Allbon

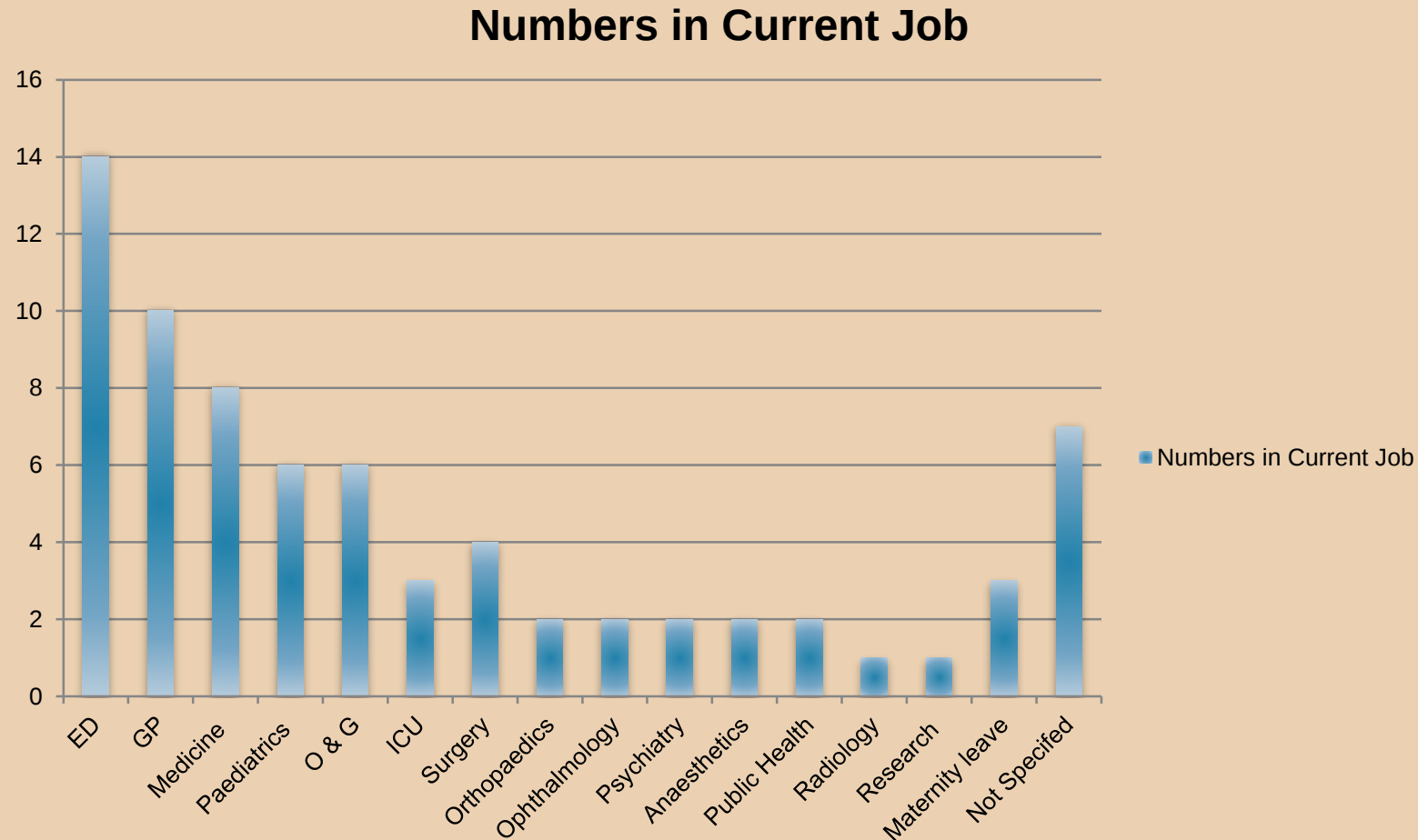
# Who are our students?



24/78 students were admitted as ROMPE Students = 31%

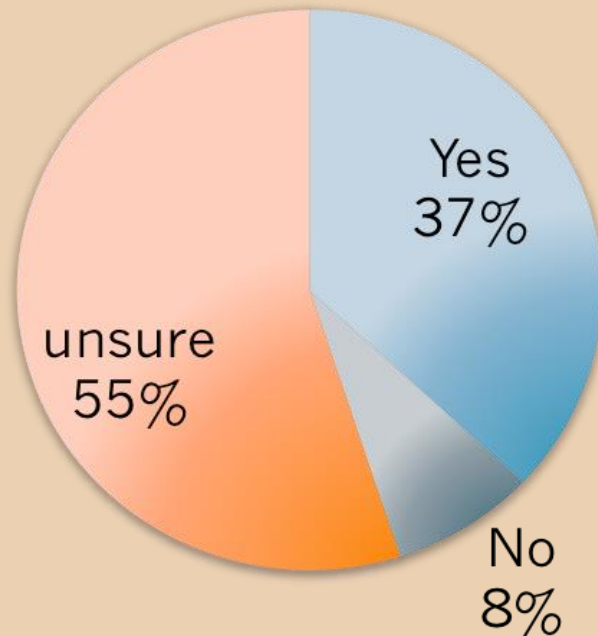
# 2015 Survey

- A Snapshot of Specialty Position among RMIP to date

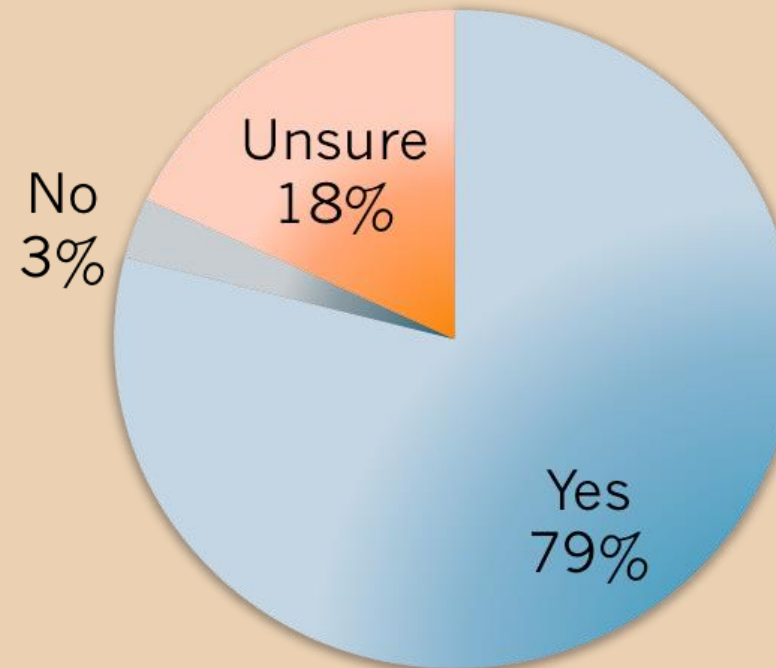


# 2015 Survey

## Prior to RMIP Inclination to work rurally

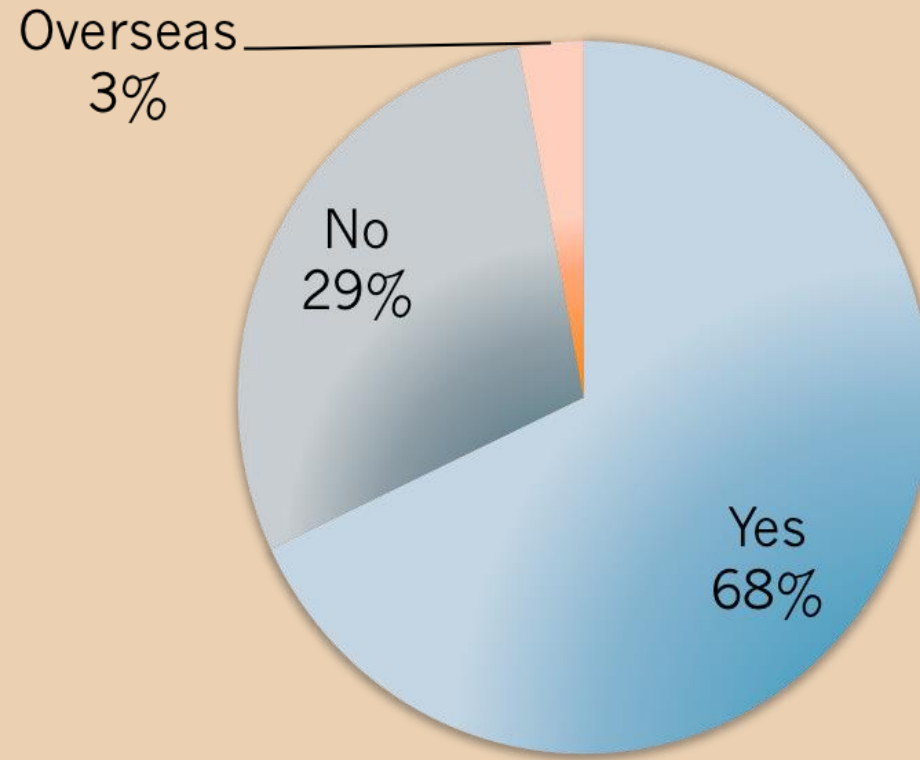


## Post RMIP inclination to work rurally



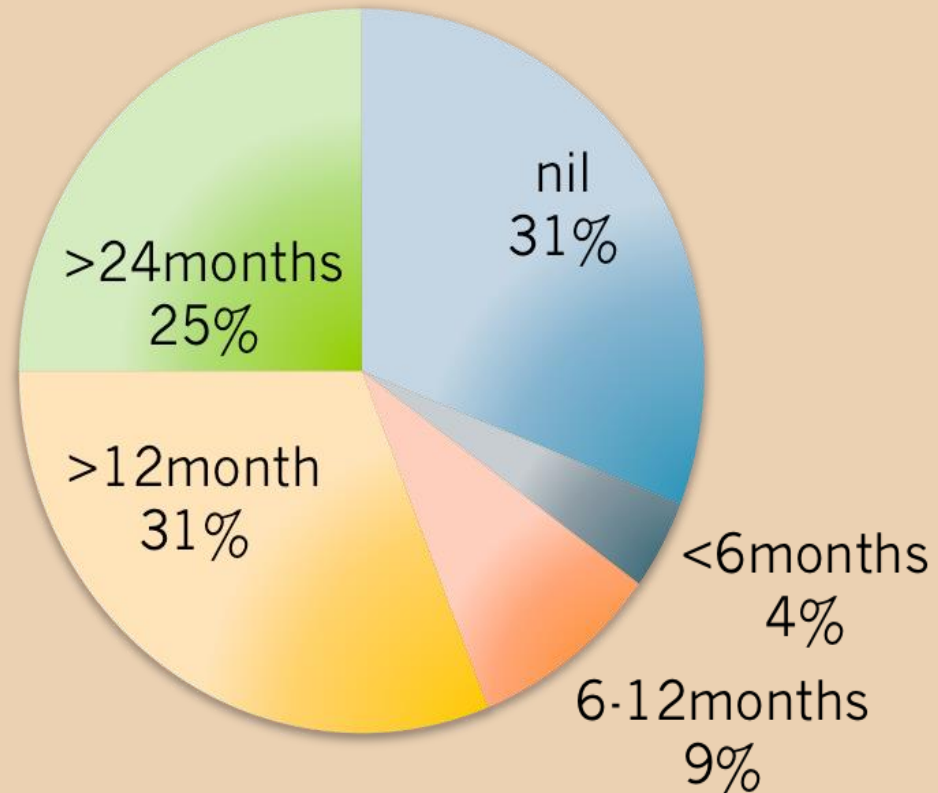
# 2015 Survey

**% having worked in smaller/rural centres**



# 2015 Survey

## Time Spent Working in Smaller Centres



# 2013 Survey

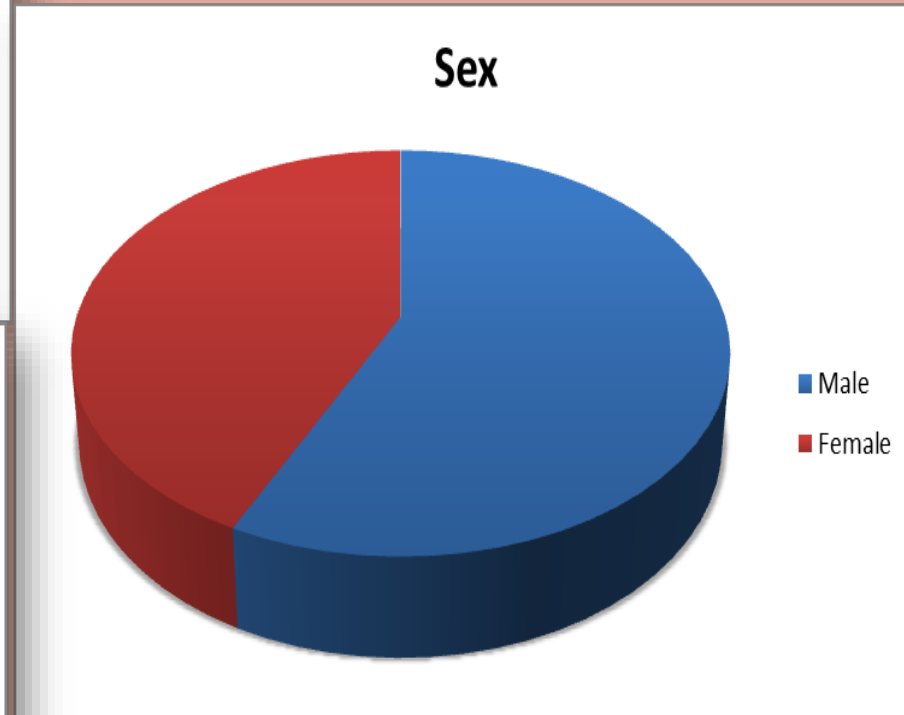
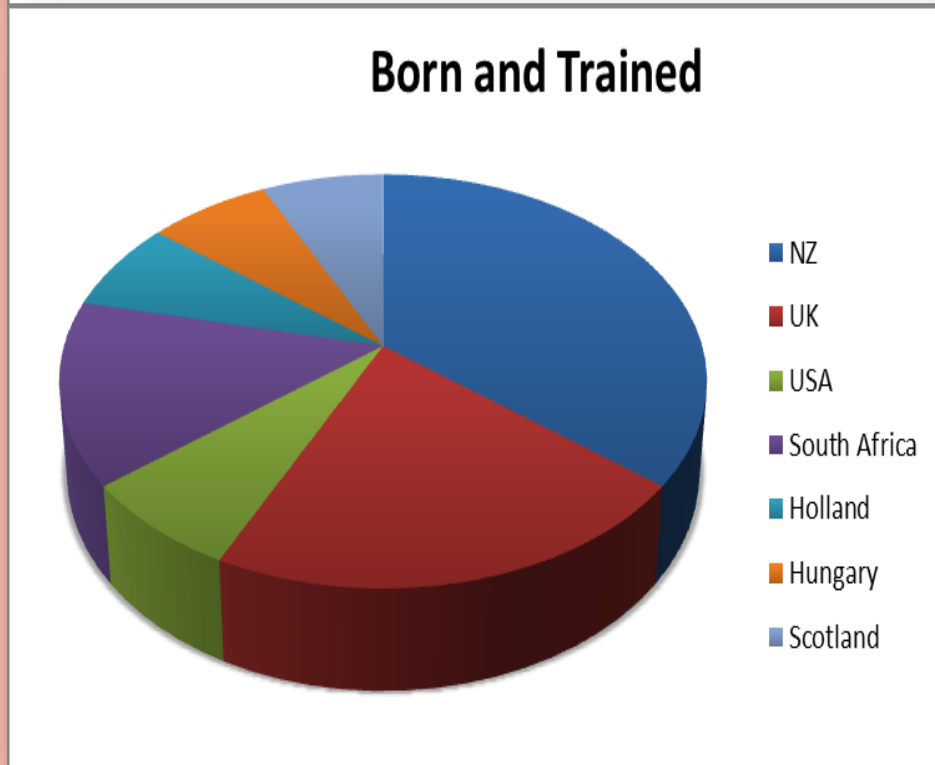
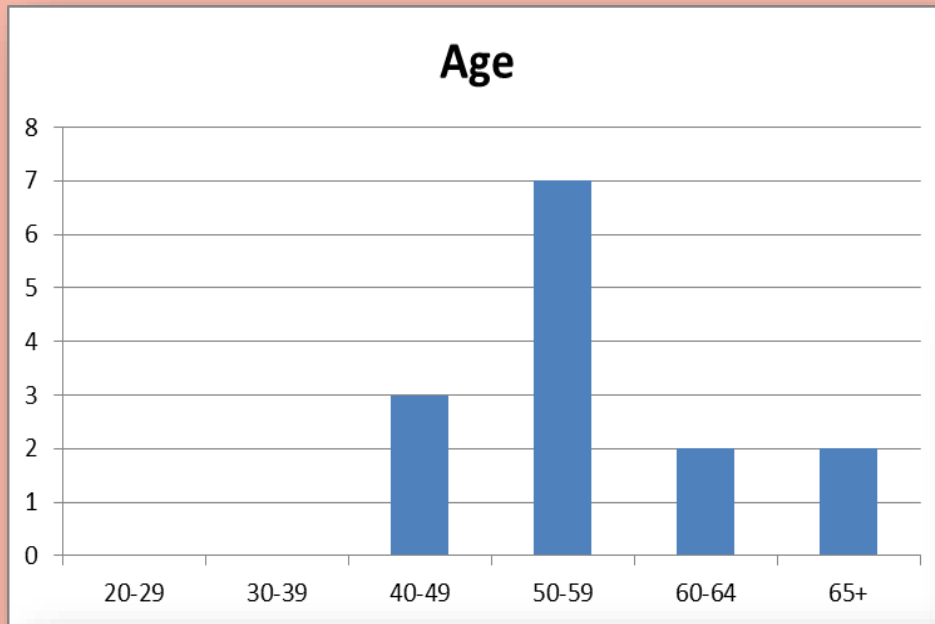


## Our Teachers Survey

William Parkyn

Visited practices with multiple GPs and interviewed those that have students and those that do not

# Our Teachers



**Average time in current role =  
15.7 years**

# What teachers enjoy about teaching

- Pass on knowledge or experience
- Interesting or Stimulating
- Enjoyable thing to do
- Nice to work with young people
- Contribute to their future/help them/see development



# Teachers: Advantages of teaching



## Learning from teaching

- From the students
- From reading up to teach

**Keeps “on toes” Keeping up to date ...Communication skills development ... Personal satisfaction ... People appreciate it ...Good for community ...Encourage rural doctoring ... Good for practice**

*William Parkyn 2013*

# Teachers: Enabling factors



- Having time to teach
- Having space or a room for student
- Supportive employer
  - Access to patients
  - Good learning resources
  - Receptionists that prepare patients



# How do we learn in RMIP?

- Self directed learning
- Experiential learning
- Role modelling
- Tutorial/Sessions
- Residentials



# Teaching on the hoof

- While consulting
- In parallel
- Teacher maintains clinical responsibility
- Teacher must feedback and authorise



# Immediate feedback

- **Patient present**
  - Get student to report on findings and management plan
  - Verify
  - History
  - Examination
- **When patient away**
  - Seek student's reflection on how it went.
  - Honest, constructive comment
  - Complete Mini-CEX



# Outcomes Whole of Class

178 students through RMIP to end 2016

- 2 Students withdrew from Medicine
- 1 Failed to be awarded terms
- 1 Sat specials and passed
- 1 Sat specials and failed



- Review of ranking after end of 5<sup>th</sup> year exams compared with that of 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Average over 2007 to 2015 is loss of 1 place

# Class of 2016



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