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Dr Abhilash Varshney, Brisbane QLD, wins RACGP 2009 General Practice Registrar of the Year Award

Dr Abhilash Varshney, a recently qualified fellow of the RACGP has been awarded with The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) 2009 General Practice Registrar of the Year Award.

The General Practice Registrar of the Year Award recognises a general practice registrar's (general practitioner in training) commitment to general practice, learning, and to serving their patients, practice and community.

The RACGP sets and maintains the standards for quality clinical practice, education and training, and research in Australian general practice, and represents Australia's urban and rural general practitioners. The RACGP awards are an acknowledgment by the profession of excellence in general practice.

Presenting the award at the GP of the Year dinner held during GP'09 – The Conference for General Practice – in Perth, Dr Chris Mitchell, RACGP President, congratulated Dr Varshney and thanked him for his outstanding service to the college, to general practice and to the community.

“As a registrar Dr Varshney demonstrated his passion for general practice through his enthusiastic involvement in research projects and teaching. His outstanding rapport with patients and fellow staff make him an excellent role model,” said Dr Mitchell.

“Dr Varshney is an innovator who, in his own time, established an online forum for the Central and Southern Queensland Training Consortium (CSQTC), enabling registrars to share their general practice experiences with peers,” said Dr Naomi Harris, GP registrar representative on RACGP Council.

“He teaches medical students, actively promotes general practice to junior doctors and medical and high school students and still finds time to provide health advice as a volunteer at The Refugee Claimants Centre and the Salvation Army's, Pindarri Women's Shelter.

“Currently working as a locum GP with a view to establishing his own practice, Dr Varshney is a great advocate for general practice and an excellent role model. We're delighted that he has also recently become a Fellow of the RACGP,” concluded Dr Mitchell.

The winner of The RACGP General Practice Registrar of the Year Award will receive a \$5,000 educational scholarship and a profile in the Australian Family Physician, the medical journal of the RACGP. In some cases, it may be appropriate for the general practice registrar to attend a national or international conference on a subject which relates to the future career of the general practice registrar.

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