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## New era for Australian general practice online education

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has significantly re-designed and improved its online learning management system, *gplearning*, to enable GPs to achieve maximum educational gain from state of the art, web based technologies. The RACGP's new online education platform will be launched at GP'09 – The Conference for General Practice – in Perth on 2 October.

“General practitioners, practice nurses and other primary care professionals have rapidly taken to online learning and our improved *gplearning* system will help general practice teams receive the highest quality education possible,” said Dr Chris Mitchell, President of the RACGP.

“The new, cleaner look of the site and the additional enhanced functions have been carefully tailored to meet our members’ needs.

The upgraded system offers learners a host of new benefits which include:

- enhanced search facilities allowing all the RACGP QA&CPD Program approved activities to be searched as part of one catalogue;
- one user name and password for both the RACGP and *gplearning* websites and a seamless transition between the two, removing the requirement for extra log in;
- a professional development viewer that allows users to keep tabs on their current learning and track progress throughout an entire activity;
- increased screen space and a facility to enlarge images and view videos on a full screen;
- a facility to save or bookmark reference documents for later use; and
- the opportunity for GPs to track their progress and identify their learning needs.

“To coincide with the relaunch, the college will also be introducing new educational activities on subjects such as managing breast symptoms, smoking cessation in pregnancy and indigenous health learning activities. There are plenty more activities in the pipeline - so watch this space,” said Dr Mitchell.

*gplearning* currently allows access to over 300 educational activities.

You can visit *gplearning* at [www.gplearning.com.au](http://www.gplearning.com.au) or via the RACGP website on [www.racgp.org.au](http://www.racgp.org.au).

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### About the RACGP

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