Rural General Practice
Anaesthesia.

...is it time for a Diploma?
an apology...
GP Anaesthetists in Australia
GPAs as proportion of Rural GPs

10.6% -

5% -

4.9%
Rural Emergency Care vs GP Anaesthesia

05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14

11% 50% 50% 50% 35% 5%
GPAs:

Female: 13.7%

Avg Age: 50y
GP anaesthesia:

75000 cases ???

1.5 - 3%

70% > 150/y
JCCA selection
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3 years post grad
no college affiliation req.
commitment to rural
no chemical dep.
emergency course
training post own resp.
JCCA syllabus
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communication
professional
pre-op / medical
general
regional
paeds / obs
post op
d emerg/ critcare / resus
negotiated…
JCCA assessment
JCCCA assessment

12 months.
formative
summative

formal:
viva
case studies
audit
JCCA trainees

226 JCCA   cf   2000 ANZCA
JCCA strengths
JCCA strengths
support
well-established
ANZCA co-op
relevant
ongoing co-op
JCCA weaknesses
resources
slow
selection
assessment
procedural assessment
other diplomas...
other diplomas...
an ANZCA diploma?
ANZCA diploma
strengths
ANZCA diploma strengths
recognised provider
curriculum 2013
credibility
resources
cross-college support
ANZCA diploma strengths control streamlines contribution $? other providers quality
ANZCA diploma weaknesses devaluing fellows resources NZ? non-medical training?
ANZCA diploma weaknesses

metro practice interest?
competition training places
the best solution?

town 1:

50km from specialist centre
pop. 5000
10 GPs
2 GPAs
1 list / week
no obstetrics
the best solution?

town 2:

50km from capital
pop. 15000
14 GPs
3 (GP)As
10 lists / week
obstetrics
the best solution?

town 3:

300km from specialist centre
pop. 25000
25 GPs
4 GPAs 2 spec
15 lists / week
obstetrics
the best solution?

town 4:

450km from specialist centre
pop. 2500
3 GPs
1 list / month
low risk obstetrics
strategy:

GPAs here for some time
JCCA unsustainable?
ANZCA control consultation planning

NOT JUST A DIPLOMA

What’s best for Rural Australia and New Zealand
quick wins:

- selection guide
- matched to need
- formalise exam / assessment
- MOPS / CME
- ‘virtual department’