DIABETES

Synopsis
Diabetes is a common disease of increasing prevalence in Australia and the rest of the world and is major source of preventable morbidity and mortality. Much of the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of diabetic patients falls on the shoulders of General Practitioners. This unit will enhance the skills and knowledge of General Practitioners on all aspects of diabetes mellitus diagnosis and management and lifestyle modification and will include utilisation of medical specialists and diabetes support services.

Objectives
By the completion of this unit students should be able to:

1. Describe the aetiology, prevalence and pathophysiology of diabetes.
2. Improve skills in diabetic screening and diagnosis
3. Manage both type 1 and type 2 diabetes effectively and with a holistic perspective.
5. Develop and implement a care plan including attention to relevant lifestyle factors.
7. Identify, treat and/or refer diabetic complications early and effectively.
8. Describe special areas of diabetic management.
9. Utilise diabetic support services and networks effectively.

Assessment
Case study (40%)
Pre course and post course audit (60%)