Dear Doctor,

I would like to invite you to become more closely involved with one or more of the exciting opportunities available through the Department of General Practice (DGP).

Clinical Supervision of Medical Students
We would like you to consider becoming a clinical supervisor in 2015 if you are not already doing so. Being a supervisor involves having medical students spend time in your practice where they benefit from your skills and experience and learn what general practice is all about. Every year, from February to November, we have four groups of 4th year students, each spending 9 weeks at a time studying the specialty of General Practice. Over the 9 weeks, students spend 2 days (Monday and Wednesday) in the DGP receiving small and large group teaching. The remainder of the week is spent in general practice. **We offer our clinical supervisors an appointment as a General Practice Affiliate** in recognition of the important contribution they make to teaching. Affiliate status provides you with:

- Electronic access to the Monash University library and intranet
- Discounts for seminars, workshops and events
- An open invitation to attend the Department’s weekly Academic Seminar Series
- An invitation to attend our Annual General Practice Affiliate Awards Dinner
- Training and support in undertaking clinical supervision

As an additional incentive, **from January 2015 the government has doubled the value of practice incentive payments to accredited practices who teach medical students (an increase from $100 to $200 per 3-hour session)**. As an example, supervision of one student each week (6 sessions) accrues a PIP payment of $1200.

Become involved with MONReN, the Monash Practice Based Research Network (PBRN)
PBRNs undertake research that is vitally important to the development and improved delivery of primary care. They do this by forming a network between primary care practitioners (GPs, practice nurses, community and allied health practitioners), academic GPs and other researchers to collaborate on various projects. Involvement in MONReN is open to GPs, practice nurses and others working in primary care and provides opportunities to:

- Complement clinical practice with something different
- Meet fellow GPs who share an interest in improving primary care
- Explore challenges encountered in clinical practice through research
- Acquire new research skills.

We will be holding an information evening about MONReN in the coming months. Why don’t you come along to hear more?

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Consider Postgraduate Study by doing our fully online Masters of Family Medicine
Looking for a new challenge or the opportunity to update your skills and open new doors? Our new Masters of Family Medicine is now available fully online. This flexible degree offers a combination of clinical, educational and research units providing you with a greater depth of understanding of the discipline of general practice and primary care. Fellows of the RACGP are entitled to a generous credit towards recognition of prior learning (RPL). If a Masters sounds too daunting why not try a single unit? This could be used later for RPL.

In addition to these opportunities we would be keen to hear from you if you would like to become involved other types of teaching for example as a clinical skills tutor to first and second year students or if you have a postgraduate degree our graduate studies area. For further information about these opportunities please fax back the accompanying form to us and we will be in touch.

Yours sincerely

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I would like to become actively involved in MonReN
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I am interested in learning more about opportunities for postgraduate study at the Department of General Practice
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I am interested in becoming a clinical skills tutor or teaching in the graduate studies area
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Please update my contact details as follows: