

Dr David Forster – WA

Dr Forster is GP Anaesthetist/Director of Clinical Training with the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) located at Broome Hospital.

Since commencing at Broome Hospital in 2010, Dr Forster has developed and extended the regular and protected medical and simulation education programs for junior doctors and improved access to medical education for remote hospitals. David has negotiated extra release time for junior doctors to attend regular, interprofessional Simulation Education sessions of 90 minutes every three weeks to six hours per term for junior doctors. He introduced regular Code Blue Simulation training for junior doctors on term placements and obtained funding for the introduction of the Basic Assessment and Support in Intensive Care course which is offered interprofessionally.

Dr Forster initiated the provision of regular simulation education sessions via video conference to remote hospitals and health sites across the Kimberley. David also introduced simulation education sessions especially for senior medical officers and clinical supervisors to encourage their attendance and to engage them in junior doctor supervision and support. Working closely with the surgical department in Broome, Dr Forster assisted with a locum induction package to support visiting locum supervision and education for junior doctors.

Junior doctors consider David to be the 'go to' doctor for questions and he is well known as a passionate and devoted supervisor and teacher who engages them in learning at every opportunity from bedside through to providing extra formal tutorials on pertinent topics.

In 2018 Dr Forster was nominated for the 'WA Country Doctors' Award.

