

## Teaching the Mastery of Uncertainty

Our registrars arrive to their first GP Training terms with unbridled enthusiasm. They've made it through their intern year and a Resident Medical Officer year in the acute setting. They've just started to know the systems, the key people within the hospital setting and they are getting to do more and more. Despite this, they are still very low on the decision making tree about patient care.

This all changes the moment they commence their first General Practice Term. Suddenly the patient's first presentation with some early stage and undifferentiated symptoms is before them... they haven't been triaged, they haven't been admitted by a specialist, they've brought themselves in and the registrar has to make all the decisions... oh the uncertainty!

Before fear and self loathing replaces their enthusiasm - it's time for an uncertain intervention as one of their first in-practice teaching sessions.

This webinar coincides with the release of the Managing Uncertainty Guide and teaching plan.

Following your registration we will provide all links and resources to prior to the webinar. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Target Audience

This webinar is designed for GP Supervisors at every level of experience.

### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, the GP supervisor will be able to:

- understand your registrars uncertain journey to your practice
- recognize a registrar who is struggling due to poor management of uncertainty
- employ appropriate strategies to support their registrar to better manage uncertainty

### Webinar Details

Date Tuesday 11 April 2017

Time 8 – 9pm AEST (ACT, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS)

7.30 – 8.30pm ACDT (SA)

7.30 – 8.30pm ACST (NT)

6 – 7pm AWST (WA)

**Dr. Justin Coleman** MBBS FRACGP MPH  
Master of Uncertainty



Dr Justin Coleman is a GP-writer who looks sceptically at health interventions where the evidence suggests they might not actually be worthwhile. This is part of his broader interest in the public health concept of equity – fair access to primary health care for everyone.

Despite earnest intentions, he frequently breaks out into lighter reflections on GP practice, with its quirks and oddities – often discovering the oddest person in the room is him!

Justin is a GP who works in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in Brisbane.

**Medical writer, editor:** Justin has been a freelance medical writer since 1996 and President of the Australasian Medical Writers Association ([AMWA](#)) since 2010. His freelance writing CV is found at [AMWA](#).

He has published more than a thousand articles in around 40 Australian and international newspapers, magazines and journals. He is the author of four book chapters and three regular newspaper columns. He has won various awards for his medical writing and for his fictional short stories and a [play](#).

Justin runs editing and social media workshops for medical writers in his spare time: most recently Future of General Practice conf 2015, AMWA conf 2015, and GPTQ 2014.

**Educator:** Justin initiated and wrote the weekly [GP Tips](#) column in Medical Observer for its entire 13 years (1998-2011), and now writes a monthly humorous column. As a medical editor, he has edited over a million words for publication. He peer reviews for the [BMJ](#), [MJA](#) and [AFP](#) medical journals, all of which have also published his research articles. He edits websites, including the [National Heart Foundation](#) and the [Inala Indigenous Health Service](#). He writes and reviews [GPlearning](#) modules for the RACGP and National Asthma Council Australia, and wrote the Diabetes chapter in the current [National guide to a preventive health assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people](#).

**Qualifications:** In addition to his medical degree (Uni of Melbourne, 1992) and FRACGP, Justin has completed a Masters in Public Health (Uni of Qld, 2009, first class honors) and a Writing and Editing course (Uni of Qld 2009, first class honors). Justin is a senior lecturer at both [University of Queensland](#) and [Griffith University](#), and a member of the Qld Health [Clinical Senate](#). He assesses UQ and Griffith medical students and also [clinically assesses](#) Overseas-Trained Doctors for the NT Medical Board.

**Talks, presentations:** Justin is invited to give perhaps 20 talks, presentations and interviews with journalists each year. So far, his record is featuring in four articles in the one edition of MJA Insight ([2 March 2015](#)). Recent talks include; Aust. Assoc. Consultant Pharmacists (AACP) conf 2015; Walk on the Wild Side conference 2015; keynote opening addresses at Qld Mental Health Clinical Collaborative 2014 and Mental Health AOD Clinical Forum 2014; closing address at the 2013 Qld RACGP conference, and keynote address at the 2012 [National Prescribing Service](#) AGM.

**Campaign – No Advertising Please:** In 2014, Justin founded a campaign which encouraged doctors to avoid seeing visiting pharmaceutical representatives at their surgeries. He invited 25 other doctors, academics and health experts on board, and launched the [No Advertising Please website](#) at the RACGP conference in October 2014. The response was huge: the campaign featured on TV at the ABC's [7.30 Report](#), and subsequently in almost [60 newspaper articles and radio programs](#) in Australia and internationally.

**The Naked Doctor and Choosing Wisely:** Justin's alter ego 'The Naked Doctor' [blogs](#) about the perils of over-testing and over-treatment on the [Croakey](#) health blog for Crikey.com. The Naked Doctor makes videos (unfortunately not medically titillating ones) for the NPS, wrote the RACGP [submission](#) (pdf) to the TGA and chairs the RACGP working group on the [Choosing Wisely Australia](#) campaign and the [Transparency Working Group](#), aiming to 'make transparent' payments to doctors from pharmaceutical companies. He runs Choosing Wisely workshops for GPs (e.g. [GP15](#)), GP Registrars and consumers.