



The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

StAMPS 2011 Practice Scenario Appointment Sheet

Gender	Age	Presenting complaint as recorded by the receptionist when the patient rang to make a booking	
M	55	Renew script for BP pills	<p>NOTE: StAMPS candidate is the senior doctor in town and works at the government funded hospital which also provides for regular (fortnightly) outreach clinics to each of the x3 nearby Indigenous communities and does not work in the private general practice located in this town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 emergency department – staffed after hours by RNs on duty for acute care. • 11 Inpatient beds, 18 long-term, aged care beds – includes 4 bed secure unit for dementia patients • Limited on site pathology – using i-stat, radiography (CXR, extremities only) and ultrasound (small portable unit used by StAMPS candidate and midwife). X2 weekly pathology collections taken to the regional laboratory via mail plane. • Inpatient services include: palliative care, general medicine, general rehabilitation. No obstetrics due to having only one midwife in town. • Fortnightly clinics to the Indigenous communities – which are serviced by a resident RN and have a basic imprest and emergency equipment. • Allied health services including: physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, mental health, dietetics and nutrition – Visiting from major regional centre on variable basis. • Visiting specialist services including: gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, thoracic medicine, and paediatrics. • Community health services include: immunisation clinics, school health, child health, parent craft, women's health, men's health, palliative care, aged care assessment, drug & alcohol services, continence, indigenous health and health promotion/prevention • Clinical Staff at the hospital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Senior doctor (the StAMPS candidate) • 1 x Senior medical officer (career medical officer) • 1 x 1st year ACRRM Registrar • 1 x Final year medical student – for ~ 8 months of the year • 1 x Director of nursing • 20 x Registered nurses • 14 x Nursing assistants • 4 x Aboriginal Health Workers <p>Ambulance: fully equipped ambulance with trained ambulance paramedics</p> <p>Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inland town in Northern Australia • Open grass plains with scattered cattle stations, mines and indigenous communities • 500km from the nearest regional hospital via combination of dirt and all weather sealed road • All weather sealed airstrip with lights - nearest RFDS base 800kms away.
M	47	CKD Review	
F	55	Recent bereavement	
F	5	Follow up ear infection	
M	29	Antenatal check up	
F	18	Asthma	
F	59	Diabetes check – recall from clinic	
M	13	Tummy pain	
M	45	Review INR result	
M	49	Menopause	
F	5	Bedwetting	
M	1	Immunisation	
F	80	Daughter worried	
F	61	Impotence	
F	31	Wants cholesterol check	
<p>Demographics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total population = 2600 – including 3 Indigenous communities within a 250km radius of the town centre • Indigenous population = 46% • Male: Female ratio = 1:1 • Age < 16 = 26% • Age > 55 = 20% <p>Local Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service industries including health and education • Pastoral activities • Mining (mostly gold and manganese) • Tourism (seasonal) <p>Weather:</p> <p>Sub tropical - warm desert climate (hot days, cold nights) plus unpredictable heavy rain at times</p>			