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**Primary Health Care Invests in the Future of General Practice
with a Partnership with the GPRA**

Primary Health Care Limited (Primary) is pleased to announce an educational partnership with General Practice Registrars Australia (GPRA). This partnership sees Primary continue to invest in training and support for the future generation of General Practitioners (GPs).

Mark Priddle, Head of the Primary Health Care Institute, said; “As one of the largest providers of primary care and general practice services in Australia, it makes sense to partner with a leading group like the GPRA. Primary offers an ideal setting for junior doctors and GP registrars to train, exposing them to the diversity, rewards and challenges that a career in general practice can offer.

“Over the last three years Primary has worked to create an environment that develops all the elements young doctors need to thrive. We have a highly passionate group of experienced GPs who are keen to share their skills, expertise and experiences. The partnership with GPRA will allow us to expand our programs and learn even more about how we can support the next generation of doctors, enabling them to develop a lifelong passion for providing outstanding, outcomes-focused care for their patients.”

Dr Andrew Gosbell, CEO of the GPRA, commented: “There was some initial caution from GPRA to partnering with a large corporate like Primary but, when we gained an understanding of the support and commitment Primary is making to GP training and registrar education, we saw the value this partnership could offer our members right across the country. This partnership will also enable us to more effectively interact with Primary and support those GP registrars who are training with this corporate organisation.”

Over the next 12 months GPRA and Primary will run a series of events tailored to the needs of GP registrars, with topics ranging from clinical up-skilling and exam support to running a small business. The education is designed to help doctors improve their clinical skills and also develop their understanding of business and leadership. These opportunities will not be limited to doctors training with Primary, but available to all GP registrars.

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