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“Rural Health Partnerships and the Development of a Rural Clinical School in Western Australia”

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Abstract

Since its introduction in January 2003 the Rural Clinical School of University of Western Australia has led the way in the development of rural and remote health partnerships. As the only clinical school in Australia with students widely distributed some 1800 kilometres north and south and School headquarters situated in the bush, the way forward for meaningful rural health partnerships has been established. The aim of this paper is to share and reflect on ways in which the establishment of the Rural Clinical School has embedded a culture of commitment to rural and remote medicine at undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional development level.