

September 2020

3rd Year Medical Students - Community Contact Week 2020

Thank you - on behalf of the University of Otago, we would like to express our appreciation to your organisation for being so flexibile and and having a 'virtual' meeting with our Third Year Medical Students during their Community Contact Week in August 2020.

Please find enclosed a certificate to acknowledge our appreciation of your participation. If you are unable to print this out, and would like a hard copy for your organisation to display, please confirm your prefered postal address and we can arrange for this to be sent.

I have also attached a copy of the students Group Report for your region. This report is a snap shot, from their perspective, of the community's healthcare needs based on the short time that they were in 'virtual' contact with your community. It concludes with some suggestions on how they think efforts may best be directed to address these needs.

We thank you for sharing your time, expertise and experience with the group as, without your help, we would not be able to offer the students such a rich and varied programme. Our students always come away with an enhanced appreciation of life in New Zealand's smaller communities and the way different providers contribute to the wellbeing of its individuals.

If you have any specific comments, or suggestions regarding the students' interviews, or the administration of this programme, please do email them directly to us, so that they may be passed onto our students, or administrators. Such comments are always most welcome and are taken into consideration for program organisation and development. We remain hopeful that next year's programme, pandemic allowing, will be back to face-to-face meetings in your community.

Finally, and with next year in mind, we would greatly appreciate you helping us with our evaluation of this year, and planning for the next, by completing the Community Contact Week Survey for 2020 at - https://otago.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6XO7aiT1PbyQqG1

We look forward to your continued participation of Community Contact Week in 2021.

Kind Regards

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