

ACM Course

Clinical Course in Acute Care Medicine (Focused on pre-ICU care of the Acutely Ill)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Clinical Course in Acute Care Medicine?

Acute Care Medicine transcends specialties and is truly Multi-System in its practice. The technological explosion and the consequent super-specialization of Medical training have challenged multi-system Medicine in the health systems globally. Recent changes in hospital systems and processes have further minimized optimal training in effective practice of Acute Care Medicine. RACP acknowledges that training in acute care medicine is not as sound as it used to be. ACM 2012 is the 7 th Annual Clinical Course in Acute Care Medicine and is Australasia's first course in ACM.

Is this an Exam-Oriented Course?

There are many courses to assist candidates succeed in the examinations of the various specialist colleges in Australasia. We have unashamedly structured our course to engender *clinical thought* and *intellectual appetite*, preferring these to packaged dogma. We have striven to balance *theory* and *practice* of Medicine. Our course focuses on the *pre-ICU clinical management of the acutely ill*.

Who would benefit from attending the ACM Course?

Anyone involved in the clinical care of the acutely ill. The course is not restricted to trainees from any one of the specialist colleges in Australia. Though ACM involves input from multi-disciplinary health care professionals, presently the course is only open to Doctors.

In the past Interns, HMOs, BPTs, Advanced Trainees in various Specialties and Consultant Physicians have all attended the ACM course. Over the years, nearly 55 % of the registrants were PGY 6 and above and a third of all registrants were Consultant Physicians from all over Australia and NZ. Every year trainees and fellows from RACP, RACS, ANZCA, CICM, ACEM and RACGP have all attended.

How is the ACM Course different from the ICM Course held in Box Hill ?

ICM course (July) is the flagship course of ANZICS - the Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Society that has been hosted by and at Eastern Health. ICM Course focuses on the "*ICU Management of the Critically Ill*", as opposed to ACM Course (January) which focuses on the "*pre-ICU care of the acutely ill*". www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/icm.aspx

Do Advanced Trainees Benefit from ACM course?

Advanced trainees in various specialties of Medicine have attended the past courses in large numbers. As acute care medicine transcends all specialties, ACM Course is indeed beneficial to anyone looking after acutely ill patients. Indeed Registrars and Consultants from Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Surgery have all attended these courses in the past.

ACM 2012 : Thu 19 to Sun 22 Jan 2012

www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx

ACM Course (20-22 Jan): **AUD 750**; Symposium only (19 Jan): **AUD 200**

Special Discount Registration: ACM Course + Symposium (19-22 Jan): **AUD 900**

Where is the Course held?

The ACM Course is organised by the Eastern Clinical School of Monash University and Eastern Health, Melbourne, Australia. (www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx) and the venue is the Education Centre in the Eastern Health HQ building at 5, Arnold Street, Box Hill, VIC – 3128 (just across Arnold Street road from Box Hill Hospital and across Spring Street from Epworth Eastern Hospital in the suburb of Box Hill, Melbourne).

What are the Timings of the Course?

The ACM Course will run from 0800 hrs Friday to 1430 hrs Sunday (2.5 day course). The course is not residential. The Special Focus Symposium will be on the Thursday and will be from 0800-1800.

What is Special Focus Symposium?

In addition to the ACM Course, every year, we have an additional day's symposium on a single theme linked to acute care medicine. In 2007, the special focus symposium was on "*Fluid & Electrolyte in ACM*" and in 2008 it was on "*Transfusion in ACM*". In 2009 the special symposium focused on "*Laboratory and Imaging Data Interpretation in ACM*". In 2010, the symposium was on "*ABCDEF: Acid Base and Clinical Disorders of Electrolyte and Fluid*". In 2011 we zoomed in on "*Infections in Acute Care Medicine*". Jan 2012 will see *Multi-Organ Failure and Organ Support* as the thematic symposium in ACM on Thu, 19 Jan.

What is covered in the Registration Fee?

Those who register for the ACM Course (AUD 750) can attend only the ACM Course (Fri-Sun) and those who choose to attend the symposium as well as the ACM course (AUD 900) can obviously attend both the events (Course + Symposium). It is possible to register just for the symposium (Thu).

Please refer to the Registration page or the Course Fee pages of the ACM website (www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx). Registration opens on 19 Sep 2011.

The Registration Fee covers all attendances (including at ACES – Skill Stations), Meals and Beverages until 6 PM and the Course +/- Symposium Manuals. The registration fee does **not** include Accommodation, Transport, Car Parking or other individual expenses.

Where do I get the registration form from?

The Registration form may be downloaded from the ACM course website:

www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx

What is ACES?

Acute Critical Event Simulation is a 4-hour session of 8 to 9 skill stations on the afternoon of the Saturday of the ACM Course. This will be held in the Outpatients Department in the Ground Level of the main Box Hill Hospital (across the road from the Seminar Room / Lecture Theatre complex where the main course and the symposium will be held). Please refer to the ACM 2012 Program (available online after 01 Dec).

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Under whose auspices is the ACM Course held?

ACM Courses and the special focus symposia are joint ventures of the Department of Medicine, Eastern Clinical School of Monash University and the Department of Medicine of Eastern Health www.easternhealth.org.au (which comprises Box Hill, Maroondah and Angliss Hospitals + other health care facilities).

Payment for ACM Course / Special Focus Symposium

- The easiest method is to pay by **Credit Card** or **Bank Cheque**.
- Please Download the Registration form and fax, mail or e-mail the completed registration form + payment details as indicated
- For Registration and Receipt enquiries please e-mail Emma on ehcs@monash.edu
- If paying by Bank Cheque, please write your surname and "ACM 2012" on the back

What happens after Registration?

Within a fortnight after you register you will receive your receipt and you may also receive periodical communication by e-mail. However the comprehensive ACM website will give all information such as Faculty, Program and any changes. (www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx) should be your primary portal for ACM and symposium related pre-course communication.

What about Refunds?

Request for Refunds will be dealt on a case by case basis. **All refunds will attract deduction of administration and online payment processing fee.** There will be a sliding scale of increasing deduction as the course nears. **There will be NO refund after 20 Dec 2011.** Please note that this is a non-profit course. Your cooperation is appreciated.

When will the Course Manual be given?

This will be distributed at Registration which will open on the evening before Day # 1 of the ACM Course / Symposium. The Certificate of Attendance and other accoutrements will also be distributed then.

Can I attend just one or two days of the ACM Course?

You may do so but the maximum benefit will be achieved when one attends the entire course. There is no reduction in the Registration Fee for those who leave early (seldom happens).

Is there any Test or Assessment at the Course?

Relax. There is no test or assessment. This course is to up skill you in Acute Care Medicine and the feedback has been very positive in the years gone. Please refer to the feedback segment of the ACM website. There is however "*Clinical Quiz in Acute Care Medicine*" on the Sunday where everyone has an equal opportunity to win attractive prizes.

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Who are the convenors of this course?

Assoc. Prof. Ramesh Nagappan: Director of Medicine, Maroondah Hospital & Intensive Care Specialist, Box Hill Hospital

Prof. Peter Gibson : Professor of Medicine, Monash University & Head of Medicine, Eastern Clinical School

Is this course over-subscribed?

Every year we have had to turn back 40 – 60 would-be registrants. Please register early to ensure a place in this course / symposium. There is no “on-the-spot registration. Payment is mandatory before final registration can be confirmed.

What about Venue details & car parking etc?

Please refer to the website for the venue details and car parking etc or see the enclosed document.

Who do I contact if I need more information or clarification?

Please contact Assoc. Prof. Ramesh Nagappan (ramesh.nagappan@easternhealth.org.au)

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