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Dear colleague

Re: AMSA Emergency Medicine Challenge, Wednesday 9 July 2008

Each year, the Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) organises an Emergency Medicine Challenge (EMC) in conjunction with AMSA's National Convention. All university medical schools submit a team to the competition, who each complete eight 10-minute emergency scenarios. Every scenario is assessed and the team that scores highest overall is the recipient of the AMSA Emergency Challenge Cup. In 2008 the event is sponsored by Welch Allyn.

This event is organised by medical students for medical students, and its success is contingent on a large pool of volunteers. AMSA is inviting medical students to participate as STATION COORDINATORS and ACTORS for the event. As there are two streams of eight stations, the event requires a total of 16 station coordinators. In addition, AMSA hopes to recruit approximately 40 student actors.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to act as a STATION COORDINATOR or an ACTOR for the 2008 Emergency Medicine Challenge.

The role of the STATION COORDINATOR is to:

1. Attend the EMC: 9am – 1pm Wednesday 9 July at Wesley College Oval, St Kilda Road, Prahran
2. Ensure your allocated station has all necessary equipment (it will be provided for you, along with an inventory list) and notify the EMC coordinator of any missing items
3. Prepare the station for 8 medical student teams who each complete it in turn (for instance, replace used equipment, ensure sharps are disposed of appropriately and re-position props)
4. Brief each medical student team prior to their commencement of the station, and distribute the relevant stem
5. Liaise with the station assessor (a doctor or nurse) and ensure they have the relevant marking sheets and are looked after appropriately
6. Collect and collate station equipment at the conclusion of the event

The role of an ACTOR is to:

1. Attend the EMC: 9am – 1pm Wednesday 9 July at Wesley College Oval, St Kilda Road, Prahran
2. Play the role of a patient for at an allocated 10-minute station; 8 medical student teams will complete it in turn
3. Be willing to wear make-up (to resemble wounds and injuries) and bandages as required for the station
4. Assist the station coordinator with their duties

All volunteers are welcome to stay for a BBQ lunch at the completion of the event.

If you are willing to act as a station coordinator or actor for the EMC, please contact us at your earliest convenience via emc.convention08@amsa.org.au or on 0409944595 (Rebecca) or 0409 972 438 (Joe). Thank you for your consideration of this offer, and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Your assistance is genuinely appreciated.

Kind regards



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