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'GUT CENTRE' 2024 - RECORD ATTENDANCE

Gut Centre ends for 2024, enjoying over 1000 engagements across in-person and virtual audiences

A key initiative of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) Regional, Remote and Indigenous (RRI) Network, Gut Centre brings together Australia's leading professional voices in gastroenterology and hepatology for a four-day program in the heart of Australia, Alice Springs.

Now in its second year, Gut Centre 2024 for the first time, enabled a virtual audience to attend all evening multi-disciplinary seminars.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen and build relationships between metropolitan and regional and remote medical communities, provide training and education to local Alice Springs based hospital gastroenterologists and other allied health professionals, and collaborate on learning opportunities across endoscopy, disease management, determinants of health impacting patient care and patient advocacy.

Professor Ben Devereaux, Immediate Past President of GESA and Convenor of the Gut Centre Program says *"...the choice to hold this event in Alice Springs made sense, when we think of remote, there's nowhere more remote than Alice Springs, and when we think Indigenous health, Alice Springs really stood out as the logical choice."*

Program outcomes are designed around building capacity of the local workforce, retaining and attracting staff and providing a two-way avenue for regional, remote and metropolitan professionals to communicate.

GESA CEO, Jacquie O'Brien commented that *"... the success of this program highlights the ongoing need regional and rural communities have, when it comes to education and training in areas such as Alice Springs. GESA proudly supports this program, and will look to grow the reach of this program in 2025."*

Gut Centre was held from August 13-16 with day sessions hosted by the Alice Springs Hospital, and evening seminars hosted by the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel. Approximately 1000 engagements across both virtual and in-person sessions were achieved.

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