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Dear Robert

Re: Lectures in final year medicine program

Many thanks for your excellent lectures on *Pituitary disorders* and *Thyroid disorders* this year in our Year 4 program. I would be very grateful if you would deliver the same lectures, modified very slightly as per the notes below, in 2015.

From the PDF of your 2014 lectures, I was privileged to peruse much of what you covered, and I hope it is not annoying to provide the following personal comments:

Pituitary disorders

- Case-based and very practical
- covered clinical features of the more common disorders, and how to diagnose them without getting bogged down in minutae

Thyroid disorders

- Case-based and practical
- covered clinical features of more common disorders including thyroid cancer and thyroiditis that may not have been covered in phase 1
- clear rehearsal of how to diagnose them without getting bogged down in minutae

From your lectures we have consolidated the following learning points:

Pituitary disorders

At the end of this lecture, the student should be able to:

- Illustrate visual field defects attributable to pituitary tumors
- Describe the clinical features of acromegaly and give examples of investigations, including hormonal tests, that support the diagnosis
- Recognise the features of pituitary tumors seen on imaging of the brain and pituitary fossa
- Explain the clinical features of Cushing's syndrome and indicate the hormonal tests required to make the diagnosis
- Discuss what is meant by "pituitary incidentaloma"

Thyroid disorders

At the end of this lecture, the student should be able to:

- Relate types of thyroid cancer to clinical outcomes
- Outline the indications for neck ultrasound examination
- Discuss the management of thyroid cancer
- Interpret thyroid function test results that indicate hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism
- Summarise the clinical features of toxic nodule/multinodular goiter
- Outline the treatment of hyperthyroidism and of hypothyroidism
- Review the types of thyroiditis, their natural history and treatment

Kindly edit these as you see fit (best not to increase number or length). If you could let us have them to update our register, and include them as the first slide in your lecture that would be greatly appreciated. A similar summary at the end of the lecture may also be useful.

All final year formal teaching in 2015 will be on a Friday, and I'm afraid we cannot accommodate any exceptions to this.

We have tentatively scheduled your lectures to:

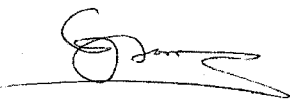
<i>Day and date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Friday 13 March	1200-1300	Pituitary disorders
Friday 17 April	1200-1300	Thyroid disorders

If these times and dates do not suit you, kindly let Antoni Grech know as soon as possible so we can issue a final program before the students start on 9 February 2015. If required, Antoni can offer alternate dates for your lecture, and her contact details are shown at the end of this letter.

If for some reason you are unable or unwilling to deliver this important teaching session in 2015, kindly contact me personally (geoff.farrell@anu.edu.au or 0412 997 255) so we can discuss a suitable alternative.

Once again, many thanks for your important contribution to the ANUMS teaching and learning program

With kind regards



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