



**Australian Dermatology Diploma
Delivered by the Australian Institute of Dermatology**

Thank you for your enquiry about the Australian Dermatology Diploma. This will be the third year the Diploma has been delivered. The course is open to all Medical graduates in Australia or overseas and can also be made available to Rural nurse practitioners working in remote areas of Australia or overseas. It will commence in Feb 2011 and run over two semesters of 14 weeks each. It will be structured around Habib's textbook on [Clinical Dermatology](#) but will emphasise skin diagnosis and treatment. There will be a weekend introductory course on the 5th and 6th Feb at the John Flynn Private Hospital on the Gold Coast, illustrated above, to orientate you and to discuss and familiarise you with the technologies involved in the course delivery, including photography, internet broadband connections, teleconferencing, and online case presentation and to give you some novel algorithms for skin diagnosis and some introductory lectures on common skin diseases.

Course Hardware Requirements Mac running Leopard operating system or PC Computer running XP or Vista or Windows 7 with a broadband internet connection, preferably ADSL 2 or a good wireless connection. A digital camera such as the Canon Powershot or the Sony Cybershot series which are easy to use and have excellent macros for taking close up images.

Course Software and Books You should purchase a copy of **Clinical Dermatology by Habib. Get the new 5th Edition** which also provides access to additional material on the book's website. You should also have an Image management programme such as [ACD See](#) or similar or the web based [Picasa](#)

Course Delivery The course will be delivered by Dr Ian McColl, a Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists, using the My Skin Consult website www.myskinconsult.com over 14 two weekly modules, 7 in each semester. In the first week of each module you are expected to read the online module and the relevant chapters in Habib and listen to the module Podcast. At the end of each module there are some MCQs and a written module assessment which you complete online. The second week of each module is presented online via the Learn Dermatology blog at www.myskinconsult3.blogspot.com where there will be daily cases illustrating features of the topics discussed in the module and a daily podcast. This blog provides a forum for discussion by the students and their tutor.

Teleconferences There will be two one hour video teleconferences , 1 each week, for each module. These are video teleconferences using the Go To Meeting facility during which you will be able to see my monitor screen and interact during my talk. You can also take over the mouse and point and comment on the images. These teleconferences will be recorded and made available as a Video Podcast . This will be useful if you are unable to make a particular online meeting. We hope to run these on Thursday evenings from 8.00-9.00pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time.(plus 10 hours GMT)

Assessment You will be assessed on each module with written case comments submitted electronically. These have to be submitted before the second week videoteleconference during which these cases will be discussed. You are also required to present 5 cases each semester from your own practice. These are presented by you in the Virtual Clinical Meeting section of the My Skin Consult website, where I will comment on them. There will be two live online examinations during the course, one at the end of semester 1 and the second shortly after the completion of the course. Successfully passing the Diploma will entitle you to spend 1 week in my rooms handling office dermatology and surgery but an additional fee will apply for this attachment.

Cost of the Diploma The fee for the Diploma, including the weekend meeting, will be \$3850 (Aus) including GST if you register for the course before the 1st December 2010 or \$4250 including GST after that date. Upon completing the Diploma the fee for attending a week in my rooms if so desired will be \$1000.

The initial deposit to secure a place in the course is \$1000 with the balance payable in full before the cut off date of 1st December for the early bird rate or 4 weeks before the course commences ie 5th January for the full rate. See the Enrolment form for payment details.

The option of paying for the course with 4 monthly payments of \$1100 is also available. Profits from the Diploma are distributed each year to charitable organizations involved in medical education.

Diploma Course Module Content

Semester 1

Module 1A Introduction to skin morphology and diagnosis .

Module 1B Topical Therapy and Topical Steroids

Module 2A Eczema and Hand Dermatitis

Module 2B Contact Dermatitis and Patch Testing

Module 2C Atopic Dermatitis

Module 3A Acne vulgaris and related disorders

Module 3B Rosacea and related disorders

Module 4A Psoriasis and the other Papulosquamous Diseases

Module 4B Psoriasis and the other Papulosquamous Diseases

Module 4C Psoriasis and other Papulosquamous diseases

Module 5A Bacterial Skin Infections

Module 5B Sexually Transmitted Bacterial Infections
Module 6A Sexually transmitted viral infections and AIDS
Module 6B Warts, Herpes Simplex and other Viral Infections
Module 7A Superficial Fungal Infections
Module 7B Deep fungal infections, Mycobacteria and Leishmaniasis

Semester 2.

Module 8A Viral Exanthems and Drug Eruptions
Module 8B Other Pediatric skin diseases
Module 9A Infestations and Bites
Module 9B Vesicular and Bullous diseases
Module 10A Connective Tissue Diseases
Module 10B Urticaria and Angioedema
Module 10C Hypersensitivity Syndromes and Vasculitis
Module 11A Light Related Diseases and Disorders of Pigmentation
Module 11B Benign Skin Tumours
Module 11C Pre-malignant/malignant non melanoma skin tumours and Lymphomas
Module 12A Nevi and Malignant Melanoma
Module 12B Vascular tumours and malformations
Module 13A - Hair Diseases
Module 13B - Nail Diseases
Module 14A Cutaneous Manifestations of Internal disease
Module 14B – Dermatological surgical and cosmetic procedures.

The Learn Dermatology Blog www.myskinconsult3.blogspot.com will be used to illustrate and describe cases relevant to each of the modules being discussed. Daily cases will be posted here in the second week of each module. A podcast will accompany each case at the conclusion of the post.

Continuing Professional Development Points have been awarded by the relevant Colleges including RACGP and ACRRM. The Diploma has been assessed by the Chief Censor of the Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand as satisfying the dermatology component of their Fellowship.

Starting Dates The course will commence with a Weekend Meeting at the John Flynn Hospital on The Gold Coast on Sat 5th and Sunday 6th of February 2011 . The first examination online will be at the end of the first semester on 14th May and the second online examination shortly after the completion of the course after the 5th September.

Note **The course is limited to 40 places to ensure each participant receives individual attention**

Preliminary Video Teleconferences These will start in early November to allow you to become familiar with the system used. We recommend you purchase a USB headset which combines headphones and microphone such as the Logitech Clear Chat USB which costs around \$65 Aus.

Important This Diploma has no standing with Medicare or other funding or licensing State or Federal authorities. It does not allow you to practice in Australia as a Specialist Dermatologist. It should however give you an excellent grounding in the subject and allow you to be a reference doctor re skin diseases in your practice or local community.

If you have any other questions contact me at imccoll@ozemail.com.au