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2019 Nigel Clarke Memorial Bursary Report

Dear Dr Gabbett and the Australasian Association of Clinical Geneticists,

I am the grateful recipient of the Nigel Clarke Memorial Bursary in 2019, shared with Dr Lilian Downie.

The bursary provided financial support to organise, and attend, the counselling workshop for trainees at the February 2019 AACG Clinical Cases meeting at Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. This workshop has been organised on a voluntary basis for a number of years and, depending on its format, involves a lot of background work to secure funding, create content and attract helpers for the day itself.

This year I arranged for Rachel Callander, of the Super Power Baby Project, to deliver a short course on effective communication in healthcare. Approximately 20 trainees and 10 consultants attended, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive - Rachel is an exceptionally inspiring speaker with a very powerful story to tell.

Thank you to a number of other people who were involved in making this happen. Dr Berman from RNSH for logistical support, and the AACG and the NSW branch of the HGSA for their financial contributions to help cover some of her speaking fees.

Thank you to the AACG and the HGSA for this award.

Yours sincerely,



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