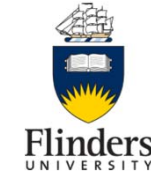


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# Striving to Improve QUM in the Bush

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# Quality Use of Medicines

*...means safe and appropriate use...*

- Additional challenges in bush
  - Higher burden of disease
  - Lower literacy
  - Isolation from mainstream health services and colleagues

# Pharmacotherapeutics for RANs

*....a course in the practical use of medicines in disease management...*

- Risk-benefit analysis in relation to medicine use
- Clinical reasoning
- Awareness and utilisation of relevant resources
- Communication skills with clients and colleagues

Ref: Centre for Remote Health. (2015). Pharmacotherapeutics for RANs. Accessed online at <https://www.crh.org.au/short-courses-and-workshops/pharmacotherapeutics-for-rans>



# Feedback from RANs

2014 survey:

- ~80% said overall good or excellent
- ~70% said being useful to a large or very large extent
- ~55% said improved knowledge to a large or very large extent
- 23% said improved competence to practice as a RAN to a large or very large extent

# RANs said

Pharmacotherapeutics for RANs is...

rewarding and of value .....

.....challenging and time consuming

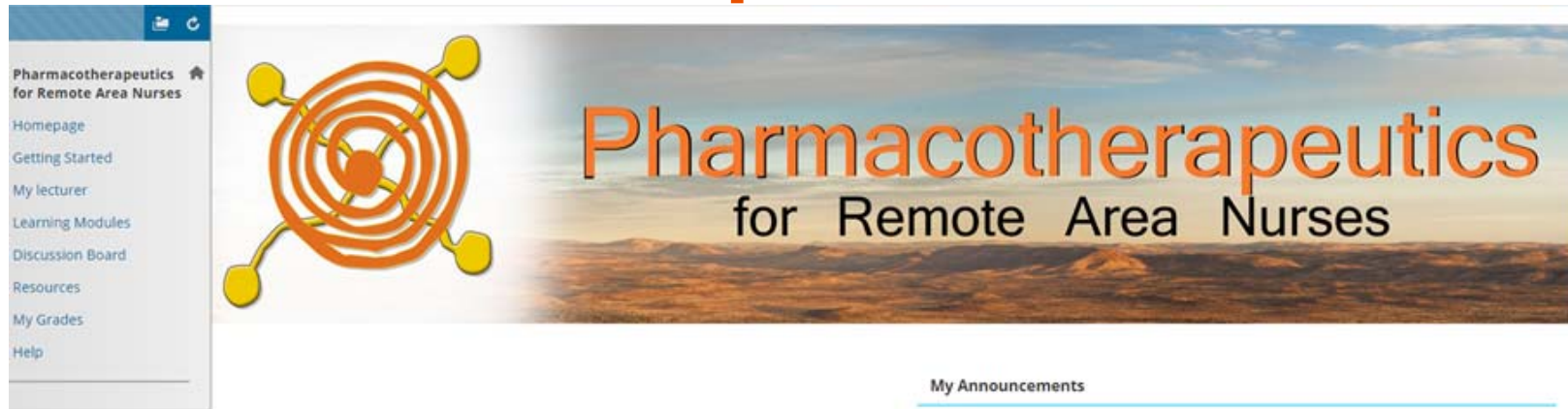
Online component....

....need the educational support

...online learning is unsuitable for some



# Pharmacotherapeutics Online



- Operated on the Open Education website:
  - 9 week course- 8 modules
  - Online interactive activities
  - Assessment; MCQ quiz's and interactive case study
  - Available in October 2015

***Funding for educational programs to prepare and upskill the remote health workforce needs to be maintained at appropriate levels.***

Accessed online at <https://openeducation.blackboard.com>

# Obligatory photo...

