



Follow the Yellow Brick Road

A Statewide Gastrostomy Training Program

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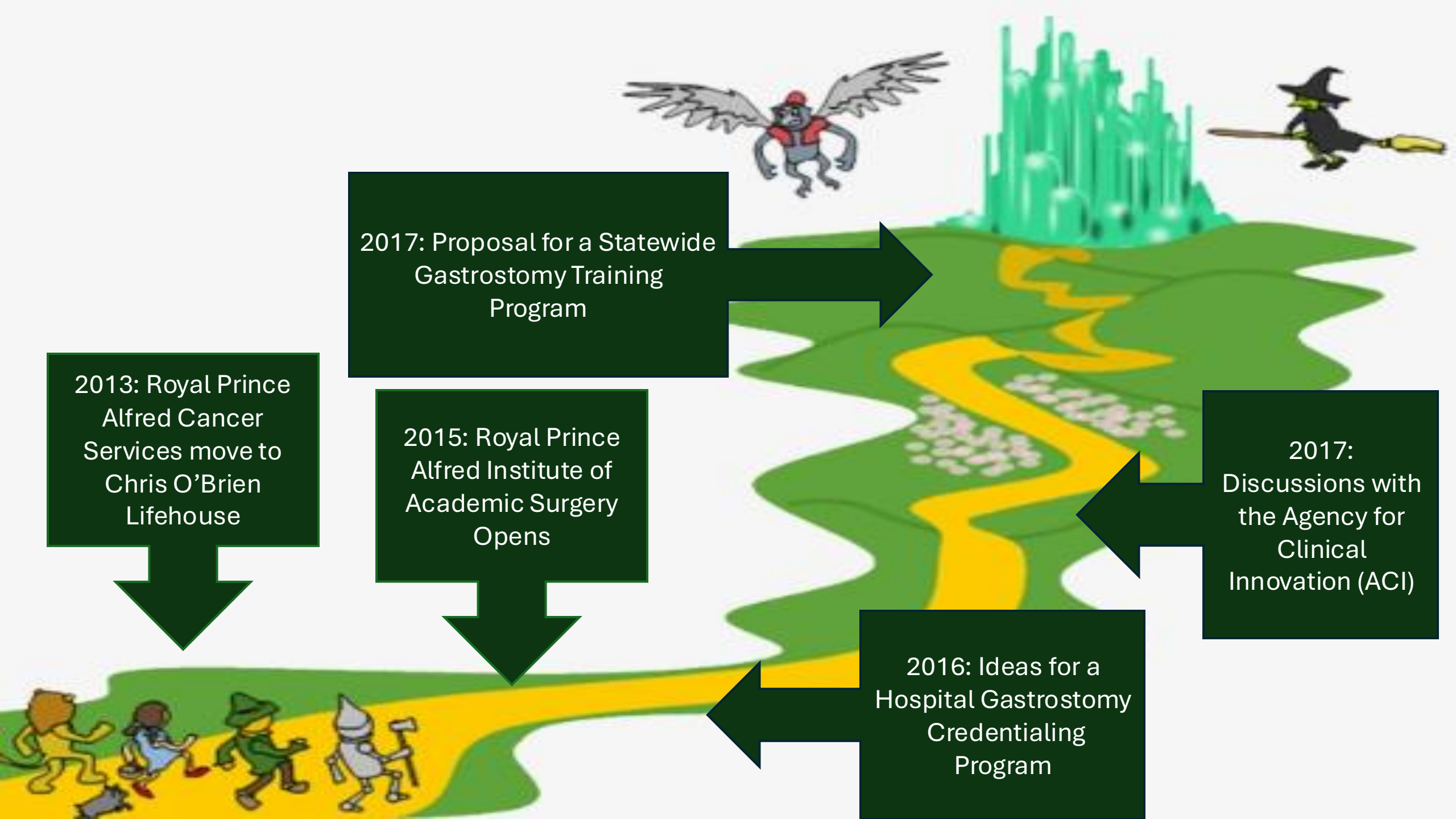
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Considerations

- Differing levels of training needs in Gastrostomy Care
- Online platform accessible beyond NSW Health
- Credentialling V Competencies
- Extended Scope of Practice



Program Development Team



Cochairs – Dr David Storey (UGI Surgeon, RPA Institute of Academic Surgery) & Prof Sharon Carey

Project Officer – Michelle Tal

ACI representation

Expert Consultant – Claire Blake

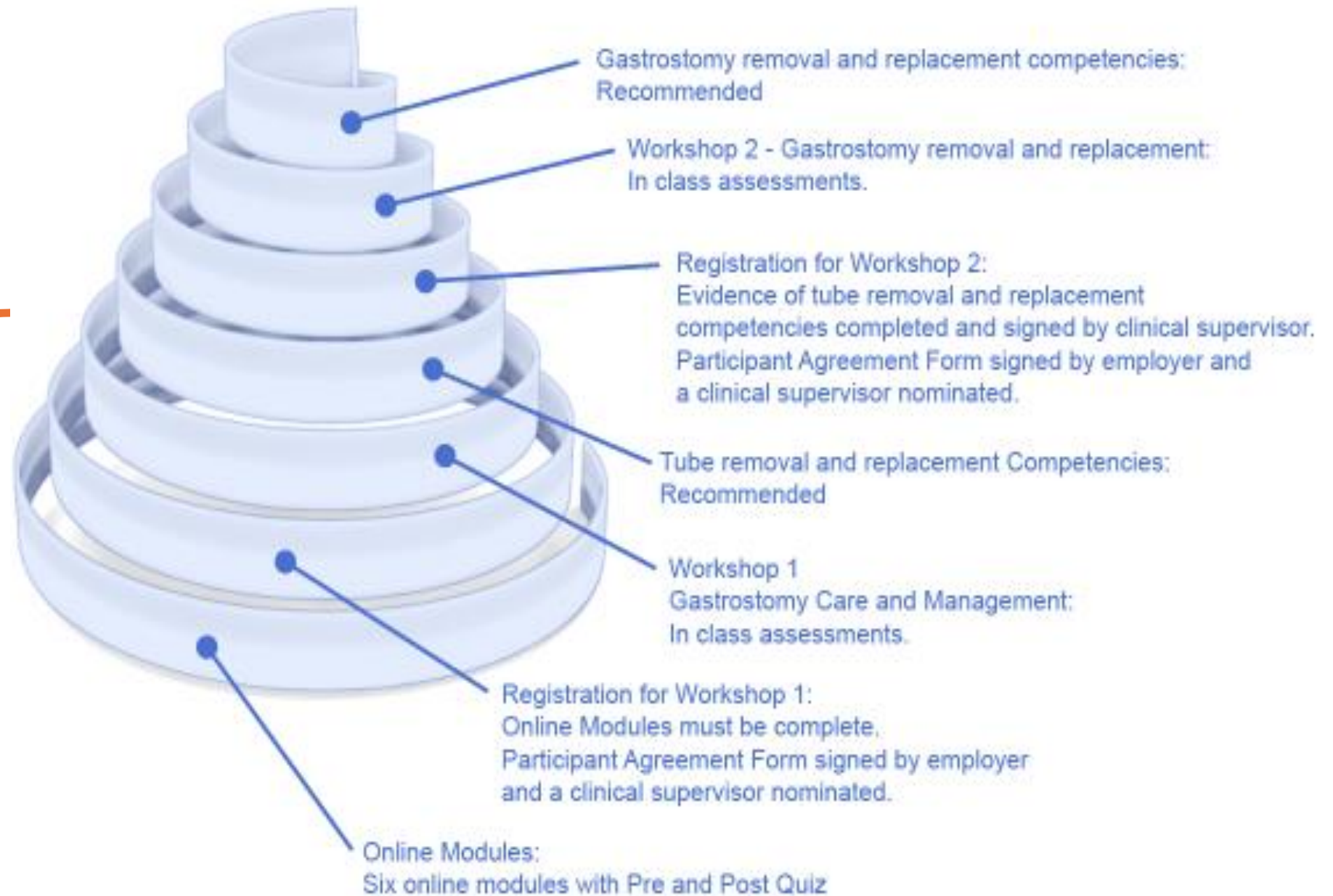
Dietitian, nursing and medical representation across all LHD in NSW.

Consumer Representation

In consultation with:

- RPA Finance Department
- RPA Governance Department
- RPA Legal Department
- ACI Patient-Reported Outcomes Team
- ACI Evaluation Team
- RPA Institute of Academic Surgery
- SLHD Sydney Education

Program Structure



Additional Workshops

Ambulance Full Day Workshop

Regional Full Day Workshops



Demographics

Profession	Online Modules (n=819)	Workshop 1 (n=178)	Workshop 2 (n=42)
Dietitian	60	52	27
Nurse	36	47	73
Doctor	<1	<1	
Disability Worker	<1	<1	
Location			
NSW			
NSW Health (%)	38	75	72
Non-NSW Health (%)	31	25	28
VIC	6	10	20
QLD	16	9	14
NT	5	2	12

Pre-Post Evaluations



Profession	PRE	POST
Online Modules Knowledge Confidence	75 54	86 76
Workshop 1 Knowledge Confidence	80 60	93 80
Workshop 1 (regional) Knowledge Confidence	78 N/A	82 76
Workshop 2 Knowledge Confidence	70 60	85 86
Ambulance (n=61) Knowledge Confidence	63 N/A	86 80

Challenges

- Upkeep of the program
- Facilitators
- Medical/Surgical Engagement
- Expansion to Disability Workers and Consumers
- Private practice Governance
- Clinical Supervisors for rural clinicians
- Paediatrics Specific Program
- Tracking completion rates for recommended clinical competencies
- Measuring Impact and Outcomes



In Summary

Considerable complexity and resourcing to develop a statewide training program but also in ongoing running and maintaining.

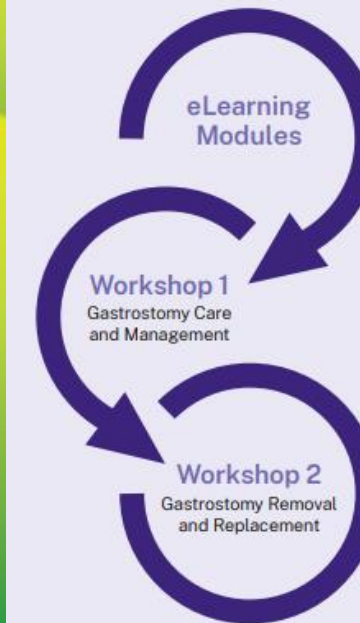
A framework for future training beyond a single centre.



Participate in our Gastrostomy Training Program

Want to learn more about gastrostomy management?

For all health professionals:
NSW Health and non-NSW Health



eLearning Modules FREE	WORKSHOP 1 (Full day tutorial and practical skills training) \$230	WORKSHOP 2 (Half day simulation based training) \$370
Any time that suits you!	• Friday 27 March, 2026 • Tuesday 23 June, 2026 • Friday 23 October, 2026	• Wednesday 5 November, 2026

To register for the eLearning and to find out more about the program email:
SLHD-GastrostomyTrainingProgram@health.nsw.gov.au

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