

I was fortunate enough to receive the Medusa TCSS travel grant, which is extremely helpful for medical students to broaden their knowledge and exposure to medicine. I decided to attend this conference due to the lack of ophthalmology teaching in our curriculum. This conference is in its infancy, as the major ophthalmological conference is held annually by RANZCO, but I enjoyed the cosy atmosphere and format. Both the Saturday and the Sunday consisted of an informal session of guest speakers who shared their own Pearls of Wisdom to the audience. Many of their pearls were subjective experience, and not evidence-based, but from what I gauged it was extremely useful because many ophthalmologists sub-specialise in specific niches, and they required this conference to give them an update in the field.

The conference followed the format of two talks with clinical cases at the end of each session, being very clinical; this is in contrast to other conferences which are very research-focussed. However, this meant that the content was not pitched toward medical students and a lot of information went 'over my head' so to speak, though I was able to be exposed to topics that I would not usually receive at university, and I found it to be a good experience.