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**Royal North Shore Hospital hosts advanced medical training
for Vietnamese doctors**

media release

A group of 24 Vietnamese doctors will start an intensive course in medical teaching on Monday 20th July to provide them with the skills necessary to further develop clinical education in their own country.

The course is an initiative of the University of Sydney's Australia Vietnam Medical Foundation, known as 'Hoc Mai', which in Vietnamese means 'forever learning'.

Professor Michael Field, Associate Dean of the Northern Clinical School based at Royal North Shore Hospital, hailed the training course as a vital contribution towards sharing advances in clinical teaching and innovation with healthcare professionals in the developing world.

"I'm delighted that we will be able to share with our Vietnamese medical colleagues some of the advances that Royal North Shore Hospital and Sydney Medical School have made in medical education and I believe it will prove invaluable to the development of improved clinical training in Vietnam," Prof Field said.

The two-week advanced training course will officially be opened at 9am on Monday 20th July in the Kolling Building, the hospital's medical education and research facility.

Training sessions taking place over the two-week course include:

- Assessing the acute abdomen
- Radiology master class lecture
- Structured clinical exercises
- Medical English
- Equipment and resources for teaching skills to medical students
- Evidence-based medicine

The 'Hoc Mai' program began at Royal North Shore Hospital seven years ago by Professor Bruce Robinson, the current Dean of Medicine at Sydney University, and Professor Kerry Goulston, then Associate Dean of the Northern Clinical School.

'Hoc Mai' brings Vietnamese doctors to Royal North Shore for training and also sends Australian medical students to Hanoi on an exchange program.

The Kolling Building is home to the Northern Clinical School of the University of Sydney, as well as the Kolling Institute housing more than 250 medical researchers who are among the country's leaders in their fields.

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Photo and interview opportunities available Monday 20th July from 8.45am, Level 5 Kolling Building, Reserve Rd, RNSH. Please advise of attendance.