



## Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc

### PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee Report

The past year has been a particularly busy time for PMCT accreditation activities.

In 2013 PMCT was one of two sites in Australia to participate in the pilot program of the review of intern training accreditation bodies by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). This involved the submission of comprehensive documentation, including a range of policies, to the AMC addressing the five domains of the quality framework for review of intern training accreditation bodies followed by an onsite visit by a team of AMC assessors.

We were delighted to receive accreditation by the AMC as an intern training accreditation authority for the maximum period of five years to December 31st 2018.

There were a number of recommendations made by the AMC, including the development of some additional policies, particularly in relation to potential conflict of interest in accreditation visits. The policy changes include that 'for a full accreditation visit, the Accreditation Subcommittee will ensure that the survey team comprises one or more interstate team members (recommended by a PMC) to avoid potential conflicts of interest'. The first progress report to the AMC in July was accepted without changes. The next progress report is due in March 2015.

The Accreditation Subcommittee has agreed that the timing of full accreditation visits will be sequential so that one site is accredited each year, rather than the 3 sites being accredited during the same year. It was recognised that it may take a few years before the cycle of one visit per year is achieved. Following discussions between the 3 sites it has been agreed that the full accreditation visits will take place as follows:

North West Regional Hospital/ Mersey Community Hospital – May 2015

Royal Hobart Hospital – April 2015

Launceston General Hospital - June 2015

The Accreditation Subcommittee has been reviewing the PMCT Accreditation Survey tool to ensure that it meets the AMC National Standards for Intern Programs. The Survey tools have been circulated to key stakeholders for comment and are now available the PMCT website.

- [2014 Accreditation Survey Intern Terms](#)

A number of Intern and RMO terms were reviewed during the year by the Accreditation Subcommittee. These included new terms, terms where there had been substantial changes and terms that were recommended for review following the full accreditation visits in 2012.

A complete list of all Accreditation policies and accredited terms is available on the [Accredited Intern Terms page](#).

I would like to thank the Accreditation Subcommittee members for their ongoing support.

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*Chair, Accreditation Subcommittee – September 2014*