



## Accreditation Newsletter February 2021

### **Medical Training Survey**

Each year the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) undertake a Medical Training Survey of Australia's Doctors in training.

From the MBA website, the Chair Dr Anne Tonkin's message

*"The MTS data are rich and provide fascinating insights. In broad terms, 2020 results are consistent with 2019 MTS data. There's a lot going well in medical training in Australia and we're doing a lot of things right to keep producing doctors who can provide patients with high quality care.*

*There's also serious work for us all to do to improve the culture of medicine. For the future of our profession, we must listen to what thousands of trainees have told us and collectively prioritise the work needed to build a culture of respect. We must keep our trainees safe and make it safe for them to speak up. An urgent and shared commitment to this across medicine and the wider health sector will lead to safer patient care."*

The survey for Australia and the Newsletter can be found at:

<https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/News/Newsletters/February-2021-MTS.aspx>

and the report specific for Tasmania can be accessed at the following:

<https://www.medicaltrainingsurvey.gov.au/Results/Reports-and-results>

### **Full Accreditation Survey Visits for the Tasmanian Health Service in 2021**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the full accreditation survey visits to the Tasmanian based health services were delayed a year. These survey visits review the accredited terms in each of the hospitals to ensure that they meet the standards set out by the Australian Medical Council and the Medical Board of Australia.

In 2021, the PMCT Accreditation Committee will undertake a survey visit to the Royal Hobart Hospital in July 2021.

Survey visits for the other health services will occur in 2022 and 2023.

#### **What can you do?**

***Please remember you can help your fellow Interns and Junior Doctors by providing feedback on the terms you have completed. This anonymous feedback is used by the PMCT Accreditation Committee in their review of accredited terms in Tasmania.***

#### **Where can I get more information?**

Here is the link to the PMCT website to see the survey tool and an example of the timeline. <https://www.pmct.org.au/accreditation-reviews>

and the link to the AMC requirements for Intern Training National Standards for Programs. [https://www.pmct.org.au/images/Intern\\_training-National-standards-for-programs\\_2016.PDF](https://www.pmct.org.au/images/Intern_training-National-standards-for-programs_2016.PDF)

## **AMC 2021 reaccreditation assessment of PMCT as an intern training accreditation authority**

In 2021, the AMC is reviewing the work the PMCT undertakes as an intern training accreditation authority in the Tasmanian Health setting.

PMCT was accredited by AMC to be an intern training accreditation authority in 2013 for the maximum of five years. In 2018 the AMC accepted the comprehensive report written by the PMCT and extended the accreditation for a further three years to 31 March 2022.

The AMC is undertaking this assessment of the PMCT in 2021 on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia. The AMC accreditation process provides advice to the Medical Board to enable it to make a decision to approve authorities that accredit intern training terms, as required under the *Registration standard on granting general registration to Australian and New Zealand medical graduates on completion of internship*.

The aim of the AMC process is to recognise intern training programs that promote and protect the quality and safety of patient care and meet the needs of the interns and the health service as a whole. This is achieved through setting standards for intern training programs and recognising intern training accreditation authorities that assess programs against these standards.

### **What can you do?**

The intern training accreditation authority lodges its submission three to four months before the formal assessment (mid 2021). The PMCT will upload the submission to their website and the AMC will gather this stakeholder feedback.

***Please remember you can help your fellow Interns and Junior Doctors by providing feedback re the terms you have completed and the Intern training program. Feedback is anonymous.***

A new Newsletter will be issued when the documents are available for comment.

### **How can I find out more about accreditation?**

Visit the PMCT website [www.pmct.org.au](http://www.pmct.org.au), or  
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