



**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 17 June 2020
Report- Accreditation Committee (PMCT AC)**

1. Medical Board of Australia (MBA)

• **Communication re the intern requirements**

- On 30 March 2020, the MBA provided information re the requirements for interns for 2020. The Board will waive the usual rotations for interns and will accept at least 40 weeks of full-time equivalent service (reduced by seven weeks to allow for the pandemic issues), the clinical experience can be in accredited and non- accredited positions and the requirement for the usual rotations of medicine, surgery and emergency medical care are waived. The Board has agreed to accept clinical experience in any supervised rotations.

2. Extension to Accreditation for accredited terms in Tasmania.

- In May 2020, Ahpra informed the PMCT that there was a variation to the contract to accommodate a 12-month extension of accredited terms in Tasmania. This was enacted on 25 May 2020; all hospitals were informed and the PMCT website was updated to reflect the variances in accreditation dates.
- This variance does not affect the requirements under the Mid-Cycle review.

3. Australian Medical Council

- Kaye Veal (Manager Accreditation, PMCT) confirmed with AMC (May 2020) that the survey visit, to review the accreditation of the PMCT, will still be undertaken in mid 2021, and will not be affected by the pandemic. This review is for a further eight-year accreditation cycle.
- With the proposed move in 2022 to a two-year framework for PGY1 and PGY2+ this will mean that all terms will need to be accredited.

4. Mid-Cycle accreditation review

- RHH provided documentation, at 2 June 2020 meeting, re Hospital at Night for PGY2+ term as well as supporting information for the interns and RMOs as to how the process works. The term has been provisionally approved for 12 months from 2 June 2020. This information will be used to support the Mid-Cycle review process.

5. Accreditation Risk Management report

- Due to the pandemic situation, as well as exceptional weather situations, it was identified that the risk report for the PMCT AC did not fully address these circumstances. The changes were considered and approved by the PMCT AC and is now being sent to the PMCT Board for review.

6. New and amended terms

- Huon Valley GP term had multiple changes of circumstance in March and April in relation to initially adding Franklin Eldercare location for interns. However,

the pandemic had a significant effect on the practice and attending the Franklin Eldercare site- this approval of the Eldercare site was removed and the effect of telehealth on the work of the intern was agreed to.

- Change of Circumstance: Principal Supervisor- St Helens GP intern term- LGH- Dr Michael Fox was approved as the new principal supervisor for interns at the GP location (2 June 2020). When Dr Fox is not available Drs Storck and Aguomo will be present as suitably qualified supervisors.

7. Directors of Clinical Training reports

- Oral reports are provided by each the Directors of Clinical Training, from the three parent hospitals, to the PMCT AC quarterly meetings ensuring a transparent process in relation to the support of interns.
- **DCT- LGH:**
 - Interns being provided extra support during pandemic– online tutorials, MEAs meeting with interns, weekly meetings, junior doctor’s well-being. Attendance at intern tutorials at high level (NWRH-MCH interns attending as well)
 - Emergency Department: regained accreditation, no issues
- **DCT- NWRH-MCH:**
 - Junior doctor well- being has been uppermost especially as many have had to self-isolate and many were on their own; PMCT and MEAs have been in constant contact including organising food drops, zoom meetings, online tutorials through the LGH.
- **DCT- RHH-**
 - Covid-19: online tutorials for interns which have been successful, would prefer face to face. Support being provided by DCT and MEA.
 - HPH Annexe- not been used for 3 weeks, same issues such as distance to other wards, unsure of the use into the future.

8. Policy for version control

- The document was needed to ensure all Term Descriptions were current, stakeholder feedback was gained and then considered and accepted by the PMCT AC. The information has been updated on the PMCT website.

9. Change of members on the PMCT AC

- Dr Kim Rooney has resigned as the representative of the Tasmania Board of the Medical Board of Australia. Dr Brooke Sheldon (DCT at LGH) has now been appointed to the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia and will take over this role.

10. Survey planning for 2021

- Due to 12-month accreditation extension approved by Ahpra/MBA this has meant that survey visits planning has been delayed. It is envisaged that survey visits will start May/June 2021. All documents for survey visits have been updated but for 2022 it is envisaged that further changes will have to be made.

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