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The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has announced the appointment of Professor Geoff McColl as the new Chair of the AMC's Medical School Accreditation Committee (MedSAC).

Professor McColl will succeed Professor David Ellwood as Chair of the Committee.

Professor McColl is the Head of the Melbourne Medical School and Professor of Medical Education and Training. He has previously held the positions of Director of Medical Education, Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, and Clinical Dean of the Royal Melbourne Hospital/Western Hospital Clinical School. Professor McColl is a visiting rheumatologist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Professor McColl is a well-known and respected member of the medical community and has worked with the AMC for a number of years as a member and Chair of AMC assessment teams, as a member of MCQ writing workshops, the National Test Centre research committee, the Assessment Benchmarking Working Group and the Expert Advisory Panel on Assessment.

The Chair of the Medical School Accreditation Committee is ex-officio a member of AMC Directors and a Member of the Australian Medical Council. Professor McColl's experience as a board director includes with the Royal District Nursing Service, Centre for Eye Research Australia, Melbourne Dental Clinic, Australian College of Optometry and the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria. He has previously chaired the board of the Melbourne Dental Clinic and is currently deputy chair of the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria.

In accepting the roles of Chair of MedSAC and Director of AMC, Professor McColl said 'Australia has a uniquely disconnected medical training model with the universities taking responsibility for entry to practice programs; health services and postgraduate medical councils taking responsibility for prevocational training; and the Colleges taking responsibility for vocational training and continuing professional development. The one institution that connects all these phases together is the AMC which represents a unique opportunity to influence the quality of the medical workforce.'

In welcoming Professor McColl to the roles of chair of MedSAC and as AMC Director, the President of the AMC, Associate Professor Jill Sewell, said 'not only is Professor McColl highly qualified, experienced, and a wise thinker but he is very familiar with AMC processes and will make a strong contribution to the work of the AMC and as a Director of the AMC. Professor McColl has strong leadership abilities that bring out the best in teams and we look forward to welcoming Geoff to his new roles with the AMC.'

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