



MEDIA RELEASE

Medical Administration training accredited



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The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has granted accreditation of the training programs of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators for four years, after a comprehensive assessment of the College's programs and processes.

The AMC expert team's assessment included an extensive program of site visits, written stakeholder feedback and comprehensive documentation from the College.

The College of Medical Administrators is the Australasian body which trains and certifies the competence of doctors working in the field of medical administration. The Candidate training program ensures doctors working in medical administration have a robust grasp of the skills, behaviour and attitudes required to be successful medical managers. To be granted College Fellowship, candidates must successfully complete the College's three-year training program. Candidates preparing for Fellowship may undertake their training in a wide range of workplaces, which are assessed by the College for suitability.

The AMC report notes the Colleges' commitment to reviewing and developing its education and training in medical administration and identifying training opportunities in both the private and public sector. The report comments on the major changes the College is making to its constitution, and its policies, procedures and processes. The report recommends the College further develop the competencies of the medical administrator and develop a more succinct statement about medical administration as a speciality and the key contribution trained medical administrators make to the quality and safety of modern health care delivery. The report also encourages the College to strategically position itself as a leading advocate and commentator on quality and sustainable health care leadership in Australasia.

The executive summary of the AMC team's report is available on the AMC website at www.amc.org.au).

The President of the College, Dr David Rankin, welcomed the AMC's decision.

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