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Obstetrician and Gynaecology accreditation extension



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The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has extended the accreditation of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrician and Gynaecology training program for specialist obstetricians and gynaecologists after a comprehensive review that benchmarked the College's training program against national standards.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was granted six years' accreditation when its programs were assessed in 2003. Under AMC policy, the accreditation was extended for a maximum period of four years, based on the submission of a satisfactory comprehensive report from the College.

The overall objective of the College's training is: 'to train and accredit doctors throughout Australia and New Zealand in the specialities of obstetrics and gynaecology so that they are capable - professionally and psychologically - of providing the highest quality health care for women'. Membership/Fellowship training involves six years of postgraduate hospital-based training and assessment. Subspecialty certification in one of the five subspecialty areas offered requires a further three years training.

The AMC commends the College's longstanding commitment to training and notes the Colleges preparedness to face future challenges, including training in expanded settings and ensuring that its trainees receive adequate experience in general gynaecological surgery and colposcopy.

The President of the College, Dr Ted Weaver, welcomed the AMC's decision.

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