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The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has elected Dr Joanna Flynn as its new President.

Dr Flynn, who is the current President of the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria and a practising general practitioner, welcomed the challenge.

"I look forward to working with the medical profession, the community and governments around Australia to help ensure community needs for a safe and competent medical workforce are met," Dr Flynn said.

Dr Flynn was elected AMC President at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2003.

The AMC aims to promote public health and safety by ensuring a safe and competent medical workforce distributed across Australia to meet community needs. It is responsible for accrediting Australian and New Zealand medical schools, assessing the fitness of overseas trained doctors for Australian medical practice and advising the commonwealth and the states on a range of issues related to medical registration and the recognition of medical specialties.

Outgoing AMC President, Dr Lloyd Toft, wished Dr Flynn well in leading the AMC through the important medical registration and workforce issues facing Australia in the next 12 months.

Dr Flynn said the AMC would continue to work strategically to address one of Australia's biggest healthcare challenges – the shortage of suitably experienced and qualified doctors available to work in rural and remote Australian communities.

She identified the following immediate priorities for the AMC:

- addressing the shortage of doctors by streamlining processes and fast tracking the entry of suitably experienced and qualified overseas trained doctors to Australia's medical workforce
- introducing initiatives to fast track the assessment and recognition of overseas trained medical specialists

Detailed information about the AMC is available at www.amc.org.au

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