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The Directors of the Australian Medical Council confirm the accreditation of the University of Sydney, Sydney Medical School's medical programs until 31 March 2022

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has completed a reaccreditation assessment of the University of Sydney, Sydney Medical School's medical programs.

The reaccreditation included the existing four-year graduate entry Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program, and the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program which commenced in 2014.

The assessment team considered written material from the School and the Sydney University Medical Society before visiting the School and associated clinical teaching sites in August 2015. The team met University, Faculty and School staff, students, clinicians, and representatives of health providers, neighbouring medical schools and the NSW Ministry of Health, and prepared its report against the approved accreditation standards.

The AMC accreditation report finds that the Sydney Medical School has a culture of excellence and scholarship in medical education that has resulted in extraordinary productivity at all levels of the program across all teaching and clinical sites. The exceptional research performance informs learning and teaching in the medical programs, and the medical curriculum content and design is comprehensive and educationally sound. The revision of the Indigenous health curriculum and its implementation in Stages 1 and 2 of the program is commended, as is the skill and commitment devoted to assessment and evaluation practices.

Medical students have access to superior physical facilities and the weekly clinical contact at the clinical schools from Stage 1 is commended. The AMC also commends the impressive number of committed clinicians who teach and provide clinical supervision and promote positive role modelling in clinical practice and research. There is excellent engagement between the clinical schools and the health and medical education providers.

The AMC requires that education providers submit regular progress reports on their accredited medical programs, addressing the accreditation standards. The School will also be asked to report on areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation. The AMC requires the School to demonstrate that all program graduate outcomes are consistent with the AMC Graduate Outcome Statements and to improve mechanisms to track performance of graduates. The School's purpose should be reviewed to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their health, and the School is required to define a target for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander intake and ensure appropriate support for these students.

On the basis of the report, the AMC Directors at their 17 February 2016 meeting agreed that the medical programs of the University of Sydney, Sydney Medical School meet the approved accreditation standards.

These programs are:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (accreditation of the MBBS will cease 31 March 2020 as the MBBS will be phased out completely by 2019)

The AMC has accredited the MD program until 31 March 2022, subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2015 executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC presents accreditation decisions and reports to the Medical Board of Australia to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes. The Medical Board of Australia details its decisions about accredited programs of study in communiqués published on its [website](#) following each meeting. The Medical Board of Australia approved the medical programs at the University of Sydney on 23 March 2016 for the purpose of providing qualifications for registration in the medical profession.

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