

AMC and Medical Board of Australia 2019 Preparedness for Internship Survey FAQs

The Preparedness for Internship Survey was first run in 2017. The survey was designed to find out how well interns felt their medical school course had prepared them for internship and, using the AMC's and the Medical Board's standards setting and accreditation roles, to improve how medical schools prepare graduates for internship. Feedback on the survey has been positive. Medical schools have reported making changes in response to feedback from their graduates and, in some areas medical schools and those responsible for internship have come together to discuss how to better support the transition from medical school to internship.

What is the Preparedness for Internship Survey?

- It is online, voluntary and anonymous
- It is a joint effort from the Australian Medical Council and the Medical Board of Australia, supported by AHPRA with safeguards to protect privacy and confidentiality
- It will be emailed to all interns on 16 May and open until 31 May.
- It should be completed by interns who graduated from an Australian medical school.
- It is quick to complete – less than 10 minutes
- It is designed to help the agencies that influence medical training better prepare graduates for the workplace.

What confidentiality safeguards are in place?

- AHPRA is sending the emails to interns to satisfy privacy and confidentiality regulations. The first email will tell interns about the survey and why it is being done; the second will contain a link to the survey.
- The link is one-use only, will stop working when interns have completed the survey and is untraceable by the Medical Board, AHPRA or the AMC.
- The unique survey link is randomly generated and unconnected to identifying information held by AHPRA or the Medical Board.
- The AMC is analysing the data.
- Because the survey invitation emails will be sent by APRHA and anonymous responses held by the AMC neither organisation can link a survey response to an individual

How will the survey results be used?

- De-identified, aggregated data will be published on the AMC and the Medical Board websites.
- The AMC will share de-identified survey data with medical schools for benchmarking purposes.
- The AMC will share de-identified results data with post-graduate medical councils to allow them to benchmark local results against collated state and territory data.
- Survey outcomes will inform the review of the standards for medical school programs and for the internship.