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Appointment of Chair of the AMC Medical School Accreditation Committee

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Jane Dahlstrom OAM as Chair of the Medical School Accreditation Committee (MedSAC) and, ex-officio, a Director of the AMC.

Professor Dahlstrom takes on the role from Professor Milligan who resigned from the Committee earlier this year.

“Professor Dahlstrom has been a valuable member of MedSAC for eight years, serving as Deputy Chair from 2018-2022, said AMC President Professor Geoff McColl. “She brings to the role strong clinical, teaching and research experience, and a sound history of program development, assessment and accreditation.”

Professor Dahlstrom is currently the Acting Head of the Canberra Clinical School and Chair and Professor of Pathology, School of Medicine and Psychology in the College of Health and Medicine, at the Australian National University.

“Since 2003, with my colleagues, we have led a national award winning Anatomical Pathology teaching program within the Medical School”, said Professor Dahlstrom.

“I enjoy teaching and provide regular pathology tutorials to a range of medical and allied health staff.”

Professor Dahlstrom graduated from the University of Sydney with honours in medicine and surgery. She went on to specialise in anatomical pathology with a particular focus on perinatal, breast and oral pathology. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and has been an RCPA examiner in anatomical pathology and oral pathology for many years. In 2022 she was awarded the International Academy of Pathology Australasian Division’s Distinguished Pathologist Award.

Professor Dahlstrom has had a long association with the AMC including as a member of various accreditation teams involved in the assessment of medical schools and medical colleges.

“The role of the AMC in maintaining and improving standards in medical school education, training and assessment is vital,” said Professor Dahlstrom. “I’m looking forward to continuing the work of ensuring that the standards of medical programs remain world-class and responsive to the health needs of the Australian community.”



MedSAC is a standing committee of the AMC which oversees the assessment and accreditation of primary medical programs delivered by Australian and New Zealand medical schools. It advises on accreditation standards and policy, makes recommendations concerning the accreditation of programs and providers, monitors programs and providers once accredited, and contributes to the review and improvement of medical education in Australia and New Zealand. The Committee reports to the AMC Directors.

“When the revised Medical School Standards are implemented this year, the Committee will have an important role in overseeing the alignment of medical school programs to the new standards,” said Professor McColl. “The AMC Directors welcome Professor Dahlstrom’s appointment and are confident that her leadership will help steer the Committee through this next phase.”

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