Medical practitioner registrant data: June 2015

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

* Register medical practitioners and medical students
* develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
* investigate notifications and complaints
* where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
* oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and

approve accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

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The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board’s website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

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Medical practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| General |   | 730 | 11,109 | 473 | 6,953 | 2,476 | 636 | 8,123 | 3,490 | 777 | 34,767 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) |   | 1 | 12 |   | 10 | 5 |   | 8 | 4 |   | 40 |
| General and Specialist |   | 890 | 16,204 | 375 | 8,988 | 3,942 | 1,098 | 12,716 | 4,302 | 684 | 49,199 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Specialist |   | 152 | 1,891 | 114 | 2,057 | 546 | 211 | 1,665 | 1,243 | 431 | 8,310 |
| Provisional |   | 112 | 1,360 | 63 | 1,114 | 332 | 105 | 1,061 | 516 | 34 | 4,697 |
| Limited | Area of need | 18 | 119 | 58 | 224 | 88 | 53 | 397 | 301 | 3 | 1,261 |
| Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 37 | 797 | 12 | 319 | 207 | 48 | 555 | 168 | 19 | 2,162 |
| Public interest | 1 | 1 | 2 |   |   |   | 1 |   | 1 | 6 |
| Teaching or research |   | 8 | 1 | 5 | 3 |   | 4 | 5 |   | 26 |
| Non-practising |   | 36 | 681 | 3 | 249 | 118 | 52 | 498 | 217 | 809 | 2,663 |
| **Total** | 1,977 | 32,183 | 1,101 | 19,919 | 7,717 | 2,203 | 25,029 | 10,246 | 2,758 | 103,133 |

Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

![This chart represents the percentage of Medical practitioners by principal place of practice. ](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)

Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Specialty name** | **Field of specialty practice** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Addiction medicine |   | 3 | 66 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 8 | 31 | 13 | 5 | 167 |
| Anaesthesia |   | 74 | 1,392 | 36 | 911 | 361 | 116 | 1,103 | 494 | 140 | 4,627 |
| Dermatology |   | 6 | 188 | 1 | 83 | 41 | 7 | 131 | 44 | 6 | 507 |
| Emergency medicine |   | 35 | 405 | 31 | 378 | 104 | 46 | 419 | 206 | 63 | 1,687 |
| General practice |   | 410 | 7,496 | 233 | 4,956 | 1,893 | 625 | 5,718 | 2,431 | 231 | 23,993 |
| Intensive care medicine | Paediatric intensive care medicine |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  | 2 |
| No sub-specialty declared | 20 | 245 | 8 | 170 | 67 | 15 | 179 | 75 | 34 | 813 |
| Sub Total | 20 | 245 | 8 | 170 | 67 | 15 | 181 | 75 | 34 | 815 |
| Medical administration |   | 14 | 105 | 7 | 81 | 16 | 3 | 70 | 30 | 8 | 334 |
| Obstetrics and gynaecology | Gynaecological oncology |  | 15 |  | 9 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 2 |  | 43 |
| Maternal-fetal medicine |  | 13 | 1 | 8 | 3 |  | 9 | 5 | 1 | 40 |
| Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound |  | 13 | 1 | 5 | 3 |  | 50 | 3 | 2 | 77 |
| Reproductive endocrinology and infertility |  | 27 |  | 3 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 2 |  | 53 |
| Urogynaecology | 1 | 10 |  | 7 | 1 |  | 7 | 4 |  | 30 |
| No sub-specialty declared | 29 | 479 | 13 | 339 | 124 | 39 | 411 | 147 | 47 | 1,628 |
| Sub Total | 30 | 557 | 15 | 371 | 141 | 41 | 503 | 163 | 50 | 1,871 |
| Occupational and environmental medicine |   | 14 | 89 | 1 | 42 | 32 | 7 | 65 | 42 | 10 | 302 |

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Specialty name** | **Field of specialty practice** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Ophthalmology |   | 14 | 364 | 5 | 161 | 70 | 19 | 240 | 80 | 14 | 967 |
| Paediatrics and child health | Clinical genetics |  | 16 |  | 3 |  |  | 5 | 1 |  | 25 |
| Community child health | 1 | 18 |  | 11 | 2 |  | 9 | 1 | 1 | 43 |
| General paediatrics | 27 | 599 | 22 | 321 | 125 | 29 | 449 | 176 | 37 | 1,785 |
| Neonatal and perinatal medicine | 5 | 46 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 3 | 41 | 24 | 5 | 164 |
| Paediatric cardiology |  | 6 | 1 | 7 |  |  | 9 | 5 | 3 | 31 |
| Paediatric clinical pharmacology |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Paediatric emergency medicine |  | 9 |  | 12 | 5 |  | 9 | 7 | 2 | 44 |
| Paediatric endocrinology |  | 12 |  | 6 | 2 |  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology |  | 6 |  | 3 | 1 |  | 6 | 4 | 3 | 23 |
| Paediatric haematology |  | 5 |  | 2 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 10 |
| Paediatric immunology and allergy | 1 | 5 |  | 2 | 4 |  | 4 |  | 1 | 17 |
| Paediatric infectious diseases |  | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 |  | 5 |  | 1 | 16 |
| Paediatric intensive care medicine |  | 4 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |
| Paediatric medical oncology |  | 7 |  | 5 | 1 |  | 9 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| Paediatric nephrology |  | 5 |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 8 |
| Paediatric neurology |  | 14 |  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 31 |
| Paediatric palliative medicine |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Specialty name** | **Field of specialty practice** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
|  | Paediatric rehabilitation medicine |  | 5 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 6 |
| Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine | 1 | 10 |  | 5 | 1 |  | 4 | 4 |  | 25 |
| Paediatric rheumatology |  | 3 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 3 | 3 |  | 12 |
| No sub-specialty declared | 1 | 29 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 43 | 22 | 14 | 144 |
| Sub Total | 36 | 806 | 29 | 430 | 169 | 38 | 609 | 254 | 72 | 2,443 |
| Pain medicine |   | 3 | 87 |  | 51 | 29 | 9 | 46 | 30 | 5 | 260 |
| Palliative medicine |   | 6 | 103 | 4 | 49 | 24 | 13 | 61 | 29 | 8 | 297 |
| Pathology | Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology) | 18 | 297 | 3 | 164 | 66 | 18 | 196 | 97 | 13 | 872 |
| Chemical pathology | 2 | 27 |  | 12 | 8 | 2 | 19 | 16 | 4 | 90 |
| Forensic pathology |  | 11 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 5 |  | 48 |
| General pathology | 2 | 59 | 1 | 20 | 6 | 4 | 23 | 7 | 3 | 125 |
| Haematology | 12 | 165 | 2 | 87 | 39 | 12 | 127 | 37 | 6 | 487 |
| Immunology | 6 | 48 |  | 12 | 12 | 1 | 21 | 17 |  | 117 |
| Microbiology | 6 | 82 | 1 | 37 | 14 | 4 | 41 | 34 | 3 | 222 |
| No sub-specialty declared | 3 | 17 |  | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 48 |
| Sub Total | 49 | 706 | 8 | 351 | 153 | 45 | 443 | 222 | 32 | 2,009 |
| Physician | Cardiology | 21 | 403 | 6 | 246 | 113 | 18 | 328 | 81 | 35 | 1,251 |
| Clinical genetics |  | 33 |  | 7 | 8 |  | 18 | 5 |  | 71 |
| Clinical pharmacology |  | 14 |  | 10 | 9 |  | 12 | 5 | 3 | 53 |
| Endocrinology | 11 | 208 | 7 | 118 | 35 | 11 | 192 | 46 | 3 | 631 |

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Specialty name** | **Field of specialty practice** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
|  | Gastroenterology and hepatology | 22 | 248 | 3 | 141 | 66 | 14 | 226 | 65 | 17 | 802 |
| General medicine | 31 | 403 | 14 | 340 | 242 | 35 | 532 | 131 | 44 | 1,772 |
| Geriatric medicine | 8 | 204 | 2 | 80 | 50 | 10 | 181 | 67 | 7 | 609 |
| Haematology | 10 | 168 | 2 | 89 | 37 | 11 | 145 | 34 | 11 | 507 |
| Immunology and allergy | 7 | 61 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 22 | 3 | 154 |
| Infectious diseases | 8 | 95 | 11 | 52 | 24 | 8 | 147 | 31 | 13 | 389 |
| Medical oncology | 10 | 168 | 2 | 94 | 43 | 10 | 212 | 39 | 6 | 584 |
| Nephrology | 11 | 163 | 10 | 78 | 27 | 10 | 154 | 38 | 16 | 507 |
| Neurology | 9 | 202 | 1 | 68 | 35 | 6 | 171 | 43 | 11 | 546 |
| Nuclear medicine | 9 | 100 |  | 34 | 26 | 6 | 59 | 20 | 3 | 257 |
| Respiratory and sleep medicine | 9 | 196 | 5 | 122 | 55 | 13 | 163 | 60 | 9 | 632 |
| Rheumatology | 8 | 111 | 1 | 46 | 37 | 7 | 101 | 30 | 8 | 349 |
| No sub-specialty declared | 6 | 137 | 3 | 28 | 7 | 9 | 46 | 61 | 14 | 311 |
| Sub Total | 180 | 2,914 | 69 | 1,568 | 827 | 169 | 2,717 | 778 | 203 | 9,425 |
| Psychiatry |   | 55 | 1,034 | 14 | 642 | 288 | 64 | 967 | 298 | 70 | 3,432 |
| Public health medicine |   | 28 | 134 | 22 | 76 | 29 | 11 | 77 | 42 | 13 | 432 |
| Radiation Oncology |   | 12 | 126 | 2 | 68 | 21 | 8 | 100 | 21 | 8 | 366 |
| Radiology | Diagnostic radiology | 40 | 582 | 2 | 366 | 158 | 39 | 469 | 203 | 92 | 1,951 |
| Diagnostic ultrasound |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  | 4 |
|  | Nuclear medicine | 6 | 39 |  | 51 | 11 | 4 | 65 | 9 | 2 | 187 |
|  | No sub-specialty declared | 5 | 42 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 22 | 13 | 138 |
| Sub Total |  | 51 | 664 | 3 | 429 | 173 | 46 | 573 | 234 | 107 | 2,280 |
| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Specialty name** | **Field of specialty practice** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Rehabilitation medicine |   | 6 | 219 | 3 | 59 | 36 | 5 | 124 | 15 | 6 | 473 |
| Sexual health medicine |   | 5 | 55 |  | 17 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 118 |
| Sport and exercise medicine |   | 10 | 41 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 39 | 10 |  | 119 |
| Surgery | Cardio-thoracic surgery | 6 | 56 |  | 42 | 12 | 5 | 64 | 14 | 6 | 205 |
| General surgery | 23 | 639 | 17 | 351 | 162 | 35 | 526 | 144 | 39 | 1,936 |
| Neurosurgery | 7 | 79 |  | 42 | 16 | 6 | 67 | 20 | 1 | 238 |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery | 4 | 24 | 2 | 30 | 11 | 2 | 29 | 9 | 3 | 114 |
| Orthopaedic surgery | 27 | 427 | 8 | 277 | 117 | 23 | 301 | 133 | 29 | 1,342 |
| Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery | 9 | 160 | 3 | 88 | 44 | 9 | 115 | 46 | 12 | 486 |
| Paediatric surgery | 4 | 36 |  | 14 | 8 | 2 | 28 | 8 | 4 | 104 |
| Plastic surgery | 6 | 126 | 3 | 67 | 40 | 12 | 138 | 48 | 4 | 444 |
| Urology | 5 | 128 | 1 | 86 | 30 | 10 | 112 | 39 | 7 | 418 |
| Vascular surgery | 3 | 73 |  | 41 | 16 | 6 | 63 | 17 | 3 | 222 |
| No sub-specialty declared |  | 40 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 14 | 3 | 2 | 61 |
| Sub Total | 94 | 1,788 | 35 | 1,039 | 456 | 110 | 1,457 | 481 | 110 | 5,570 |
| **Total** | 1,155 | 19,584 | 528 | 11,969 | 4,957 | 1,408 | 15,699 | 5,998 | 1,196 | 62,494 |

Medical practitioners – endorsements by state or territory

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Endorsement type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Acupuncture | 4 | 103 | 1 | 75 | 28 | 12 | 232 | 33 |  | 488 |

Medical practitioners – registration type by age group

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| **Medical practitioners** |  | **Registration type** |  |
| **Age group** | General | General (Teaching and Assessing) | General and Specialist | General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist | Specialist | Provisional | Limited | Non-practising | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 414 |   |   |  |   | 1,051 | 2 |   | 1,467 |
| 25 - 29 | 9,103 |   | 32 |  | 7 | 2,289 | 431 | 53 | 11,915 |
| 30 - 34 | 10,438 |   | 1,553 |  | 283 | 752 | 745 | 169 | 13,940 |
| 35 - 39 | 5,690 | 1 | 5,703 |  | 1,108 | 345 | 936 | 220 | 14,003 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,926 | 2 | 6,931 | 1 | 1,803 | 139 | 674 | 245 | 12,721 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,789 | 2 | 6,628 |  | 1,826 | 73 | 349 | 212 | 10,879 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,372 | 3 | 7,069 |  | 1,455 | 23 | 156 | 248 | 10,326 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,045 | 5 | 6,969 |  | 950 | 14 | 89 | 232 | 9,304 |
| 60 - 64 | 665 | 6 | 5,758 | 1 | 500 | 8 | 51 | 216 | 7,205 |
| 65 - 69 | 441 | 4 | 4,359 |  | 261 | 2 | 17 | 243 | 5,327 |
| 70 - 74 | 361 | 6 | 2,478 |  | 82 | 1 | 4 | 279 | 3,211 |
| 75 - 79 | 266 | 4 | 1,110 |  | 26 |   | 1 | 228 | 1,635 |
| 80+ | 257 | 7 | 609 |  | 9 |   |   | 318 | 1,200 |
| **Total** | 34,767 | 40 | 49,199 | 2 | 8,310 | 4,697 | 3,455 | 2,663 | 103,133 |

Medical practitioners – limited registration by age group

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Limited Registration** |  |
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| **Age group** | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Area of need | Public interest | Teaching or research | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 1 |   |   | 1 | 2 |
| 25 - 29 | 360 | 71 |   |   | 431 |
| 30 - 34 | 496 | 245 |   | 4 | 745 |
| 35 - 39 | 647 | 282 |   | 7 | 936 |
| 40 - 44 | 388 | 278 |   | 8 | 674 |
| 45 - 49 | 160 | 186 | 1 | 2 | 349 |
| 50 - 54 | 60 | 94 | 1 | 1 | 156 |
| 55 - 59 | 33 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 89 |
| 60 - 64 | 14 | 34 | 2 | 1 | 51 |
| 65 - 69 | 3 | 13 |   | 1 | 17 |
| 70 - 74 |   | 4 |   |   | 4 |
| 75 - 79 |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 80+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | 2,162 | 1,261 | 6 | 26 | 3,455 |

![This chart represents the number of Medical practitioners by age group. ](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)Medical practitioners – by age group

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| **Age Group** | U - 25 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 | 35 - 39 | 40 - 44 | 45 - 49 | 50 - 54 | 55 - 59 | 60 - 64 | 65 - 69 | 70 - 74 | 75 - 79 | 80+ |
| **Count of Registrants** | 1,467 | 11,915 | 13,940 | 14,003 | 12,721 | 10,879 | 10,326 | 9,304 | 7,205 | 5,327 | 3,211 | 1,635 | 1,200 |

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Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type and sub type

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | General |   | 393 | 5,571 | 270 | 3,349 | 1,282 | 337 | 4,268 | 1,830 | 323 | 17,623 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) |   | 1 | 7 |   | 2 | 1 |   | 3 | 2 |   | 16 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| General and Specialist |   | 345 | 5,507 | 172 | 3,032 | 1,293 | 394 | 4,479 | 1,444 | 204 | 16,870 |
| Specialist |   | 53 | 660 | 35 | 663 | 170 | 68 | 555 | 409 | 124 | 2,737 |
| Provisional |   | 66 | 727 | 41 | 553 | 167 | 56 | 570 | 298 | 16 | 2,494 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 15 | 328 | 5 | 134 | 70 | 23 | 225 | 64 | 6 | 870 |
| Area of need | 7 | 42 | 19 | 93 | 36 | 18 | 159 | 136 | 1 | 511 |
| Public interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  | 13 |
| Non-practising |   | 9 | 274 | 2 | 97 | 42 | 22 | 195 | 89 | 325 | 1,055 |
| Sub Total | 889 | 13,121 | 544 | 7,923 | 3,064 | 918 | 10,457 | 4,275 | 999 | 42,190 |
| Male | General |   | 337 | 5,538 | 203 | 3,604 | 1,194 | 299 | 3,855 | 1,660 | 454 | 17,144 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) |   |  | 5 |  | 8 | 4 |  | 5 | 2 |  | 24 |
| General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| General and Specialist |   | 545 | 10,697 | 203 | 5,956 | 2,649 | 704 | 8,237 | 2,858 | 480 | 32,329 |
| Specialist |   | 99 | 1,231 | 79 | 1,394 | 376 | 143 | 1,110 | 834 | 307 | 5,573 |
| Provisional |   | 46 | 633 | 22 | 561 | 165 | 49 | 491 | 218 | 18 | 2,203 |
| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 22 | 469 | 7 | 185 | 137 | 25 | 330 | 104 | 13 | 1,292 |
| Area of need | 11 | 77 | 39 | 131 | 52 | 35 | 238 | 165 | 2 | 750 |
| Public interest | 1 | 1 | 2 |   |   |   | 1 |   | 1 | 6 |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 | 1 | 5 |   |   | 1 | 2 |   | 13 |
| Non-practising |  | 27 | 407 | 1 | 152 | 76 | 30 | 303 | 128 | 484 | 1,608 |
| Sub Total | 1,088 | 19,062 | 557 | 11,996 | 4,653 | 1,285 | 14,572 | 5,971 | 1,759 | 60,943 |
| **Total** | 1,977 | 32,183 | 1,101 | 19,919 | 7,717 | 2,203 | 25,029 | 10,246 | 2,758 | 103,133 |

Medical practitioners – percentage by gender

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| **Medical practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | 44.92% | 40.77% | 49.41% | 39.78% | 39.70% | 41.67% | 41.78% | 41.72% | 36.22% | 40.91% |
| Male | 55.03% | 59.23% | 50.59% | 60.22% | 60.30% | 58.33% | 58.22% | 58.28% | 63.78% | 59.09% |