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Dear Dr Flynn

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2011 on the proposed registration standards for interns. I welcome this proposed national standard and the consistency that it will bring to medical graduate training in Australia.

Favourable elements of the standard include the broadening of training opportunities within emergency medical care, medicine and surgery terms. I welcome also the opportunities and educational experiences provided by internship outside Australia, although note the challenges which will be faced in accrediting such terms.

I note in the draft standard that "terms must be accredited against approved accreditation standards for intern training positions by an authority approved by the Board". Similarly the standard states that "the suitability of posts to satisfy these requirements is to be assessed against guidelines issued from time to time by the Board". Being a jurisdiction affected by increasing numbers of medical graduates in the next few years, I need to emphasise the imperative that guidelines and accreditation requirements for rotations are required as soon as possible, to enable timely and effective planning for the anticipated graduates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposed registration standard for interns.

Yours sincerely

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