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The draft Guidelines over-all are a significant improvement.

It is important that expectations/requirements/supervision of IMGs entering the medical workforce are not less than those for locally trained graduates, are at least equivalent to local grads, and one could argue expectations and restrictions on practice need to be set significantly higher because IMGs have not had their medical education, student experiences and enculturation in the Australian context. I think the guidelines fulfil this, but not sure. The reason I'm not sure is that I can't work out the 'matrix' for assigning their Level of supervision. E.g. is Level 1 meant to be the equivalent of an Aust grad starting a typical internship, or is it a lower level (I think it should be, hence the wisdom of requiring extra-close supervision). If so, is Level 2 the Intern equivalent, level 3 at the equivalent of a typical PGY2 RMO? Etc. Also, the mechanism of the level determination – is the MBA having a working group or committee that decides, is it out-sourced to the AMC, or what?

Clarification that conveys confidence that the new guidelines will be implemented firmly will help general acceptance.

Kind regards,

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