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Dear Dr Flynn,

Consultation: Guidelines - Supervised practice for international medical graduates

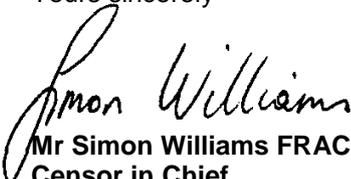
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals from the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) for changes to the processes supporting the assessment of International Medical Graduates (IMGs).

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons considers the proposed changes to the Guidelines on supervised practice for IMGs as mainly centred around general practice and does not apply to surgical practice in a hospital setting.

The only comment we thought could be made, and this came up during an induction program held last year for our IMGs who commenced a specialist pathway, is that it can be onerous for both IMGs and their supervisors to provide one set of quarterly reports to the College and another to the MBA. Whilst we understand the MBA has a relationship with multiple specialist Colleges and that work performance reports vary amongst different colleges, we consider that there is an opportunity to reduce the administrative burden on IMGs and their supervisors by avoiding unnecessary duplication i.e. one set of reports submitted for both College and MBA purposes.

Should you have any queries or comments please contact Mr Glenn Petrusch, Director, Education and Training Administration on glenn.petrusch@surgeons.org or by telephone on +613 9276 7461.

Yours sincerely


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