

Medical Board of Australia consultation on the funding of external doctors' health programs

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Question 1: Is there a need for health programs?

Do you see any value in, or need for external health programs for medical students and/or doctors? Please explain your reasoning

no - I don't see the need to provide a specific health program solely for doctors and medical students.

doctors already have better access and resources to pursue help with illness than most of the population. as with other patients I think the issue is recognising that you need to seek help - not knowing where to go to find help.

Question 2: Preferred model for external health programs

Of the existing models in Australia as described above, is there a model that you would prefer to see adopted nationally? Is there an alternative model that you would like to see adopted nationally?

no.

Question 3: The role of the Board in funding external health programs

Do you believe that it is the role of the Board to fund external health programs?

no.

Question 4: Range of services provided by doctors' health programs

What services should be provided by doctors' health programs. In addition to the ones you have selected, what other services (if any) should be provided by doctors' health programs?

Question 5: Funding

How much of an increase in registration fees is acceptable to you, to fund doctors' health services?

Nil

Question 6: Other comments

Do you have any other comments or feedback about external health programs?