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Executive Officer, Medical  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Standard for Intern Training**

I am writing in reply to your letter of 21 July 2011 and advise that the Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is supportive of the proposal to have a national registration standard for granting general registration as a medical practitioner across Australia and New Zealand. The draft registration standard is a comprehensive and detailed approach to intern training.

The only concern we have relates to emergency medicine exposure which appears to include general practice. It is our view that an emergency medicine term of eight weeks should include specific time in an emergency department. This is important as it would provide interns with a greater depth of emergency experience.

Your consideration of this issue is requested.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman