

Medical Practitioner Registrant Data: December 2013

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- approve accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board publishes these statistics regularly.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory

Medical Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	602	9,607	402	5,897	2,079	564	6,986	2,753	644	29,534
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	8	-	7	5	-	7	3	-	30
General & Specialist*	876	15,635	361	8,514	3,840	1,060	12,201	4,084	526	47,097
Specialist*	137	1,648	105	1,877	489	198	1,468	1,076	336	7,334
Provisional	136	1,885	88	1,427	552	143	1,593	642	14	6,480
Limited	119	1,437	91	762	429	119	1,082	768	5	4,812
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	93	1,281	10	375	331	59	715	167	4	3,035
Area of Need	24	147	80	380	94	60	362	596	1	1,744
Public Interest	1	-	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	7
Teaching or Research	1	9	-	5	3	-	3	5	-	26
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	20	-	127	-	1	-	248	6	402
Non-Practising	35	674	4	229	126	51	493	183	710	2,505
Total Practitioners	1,905	30,914	1,051	18,840	7,520	2,136	23,830	9,757	2,241	98,194

* Total practitioners with specialist registration 54,431

Table 1: Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory

Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

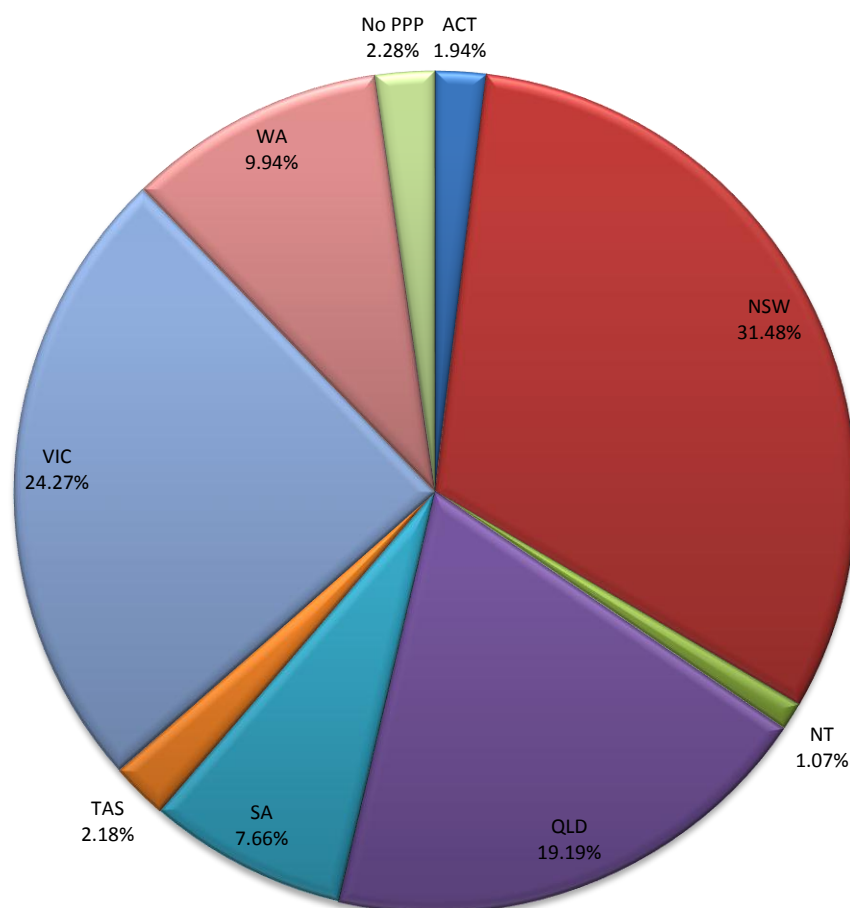


Chart 1: Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

Specialty and field of specialty practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine	2	64	2	26	15	9	30	13	4	165
Anaesthesia	70	1,303	38	868	351	109	1,048	457	106	4,350
Dermatology	5	178	1	75	37	6	119	39	7	467
Emergency medicine	30	361	26	329	97	39	378	173	47	1,480
General practice	405	7,349	221	4,721	1,867	613	5,584	2,318	175	23,253
Intensive care medicine	22	229	10	164	65	17	175	66	24	772
Paediatric intensive care medicine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
No sub-speciality declared	22	229	10	164	65	17	174	66	24	771
Medical administration	15	97	6	79	16	4	64	31	7	319
Obstetrics and gynaecology	30	521	14	339	131	37	478	152	46	1,748
Gynaecological oncology	-	15	-	9	4	1	11	2	-	42
Maternal-fetal medicine	-	13	1	7	3	-	9	5	1	39
Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound	-	13	-	5	4	-	53	3	2	80
Reproductive endocrinology and infertility	-	27	-	4	6	1	13	2	-	53
Urogynaecology	1	10	-	6	1	-	8	4	-	30
No sub-speciality declared	29	443	13	308	113	35	384	136	43	1,504
Occupational and environmental medicine	16	91	1	41	28	6	65	41	7	296
Ophthalmology	12	347	5	155	68	20	221	71	12	911
Paediatrics and child health	36	732	22	393	161	35	551	231	54	2,215
Clinical genetics	-	12	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	18
Community child health	-	13	-	8	2	-	5	-	1	29
General paediatrics	28	562	18	318	126	30	427	168	31	1,708
Neonatal and perinatal medicine	6	38	-	20	7	2	35	18	3	129
Paediatric cardiology	-	5	-	5	-	-	5	4	2	22
Paediatric clinical pharmacology	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Paediatric emergency medicine	-	8	-	6	4	-	7	7	1	33
Paediatric endocrinology	1	8	-	4	1	-	2	2	-	18
Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	-	4	-	1	1	-	5	2	2	15
Paediatric haematology	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	6
Paediatric immunology and allergy	-	3	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	11
Paediatric infectious diseases	-	3	-	3	-	-	6	-	-	12
Paediatric intensive care medicine	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Paediatric medical oncology	-	6	-	2	1	-	4	2	1	16
Paediatric nephrology	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Paediatric neurology	-	14	-	3	1	1	5	1	1	26
Paediatric rehabilitation medicine	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	-	9	-	5	-	-	3	3	-	20
Paediatric rheumatology	-	3	-	2	1	-	3	1	-	10
No sub-speciality declared	1	29	3	12	13	2	36	21	12	129
Pain medicine	2	81	-	49	29	8	41	27	4	241
Palliative medicine	6	93	2	42	22	12	57	28	5	267
Pathology	53	759	8	396	190	51	513	231	24	2,225
Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	16	262	2	162	62	16	188	86	7	801
Chemical pathology	2	21	-	14	8	2	20	15	4	86
Forensic pathology	-	8	1	13	4	2	10	5	-	43
General pathology	11	182	2	79	55	13	120	36	4	502
Haematology	10	153	2	74	36	12	117	33	4	441
Immunology	6	46	-	11	10	1	19	15	-	108
Microbiology	5	74	1	37	15	5	37	32	1	207
No sub-speciality declared	3	13	-	6	-	-	2	9	4	37

Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice										
Specialty and field of specialty practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Physician	173	2,714	68	1,458	792	162	2,528	716	155	8,766
Cardiology	16	366	6	229	103	19	300	79	36	1,154
Clinical genetics	-	33	-	7	9	-	16	5	-	70
Clinical pharmacology	-	13	-	11	8	-	11	5	2	50
Endocrinology	10	189	7	101	31	11	168	41	1	559
Gastroenterology and hepatology	22	237	2	130	59	12	211	58	9	740
General medicine	33	393	11	321	241	34	533	116	34	1,716
Geriatric medicine	9	180	2	71	48	7	161	55	6	539
Haematology	8	159	2	81	37	9	131	29	10	466
Immunology and allergy	7	53	1	14	12	1	28	20	2	138
Infectious diseases	7	83	12	49	25	8	134	27	8	353
Medical oncology	9	146	3	83	39	8	188	35	2	513
Nephrology	9	148	11	72	26	11	138	34	11	460
Neurology	11	180	1	65	32	7	163	40	7	506
Nuclear medicine	7	100		31	26	6	57	20	1	248
Respiratory and sleep medicine	10	186	4	117	50	13	149	55	8	592
Rheumatology	8	110	1	46	35	7	93	28	6	334
No sub-speciality declared	7	138	5	30	11	9	47	69	12	328
Psychiatry	52	1,001	16	600	278	56	925	267	55	3,250
Public health medicine	29	131	25	79	29	11	78	42	7	431
Radiation Oncology	13	110	2	67	22	8	101	20	4	347
Radiology	51	629	3	396	162	46	531	225	98	2,141
Diagnostic radiology	40	559	3	340	146	41	441	196	82	1,848
Diagnostic ultrasound	-	1		-	-	-	3	-	-	4
Nuclear medicine	4	36		49	11	4	58	7	3	172
No sub-speciality declared	7	33		7	5	1	29	22	13	117
Rehabilitation medicine	6	209	3	52	33	5	115	14	3	440
Sexual health medicine	5	52	1	18	6	1	24	5	-	112
Sport and exercise medicine	11	40	1	11	4	2	35	9	-	113
Surgery	92	1,724	35	985	433	102	1,381	442	81	5,275
Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	56	-	40	10	3	62	13	4	194
General surgery	23	622	17	335	155	36	511	131	33	1,863
Neurosurgery	7	72	-	39	15	4	61	19	1	218
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	4	22	3	26	8	-	24	9	1	97
Orthopaedic surgery	25	408	7	267	115	22	293	122	22	1,281
Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	154	3	86	38	9	112	42	7	459
Paediatric surgery	4	32	-	12	9	2	26	8	2	95
Plastic surgery	6	123	2	64	39	10	126	43	3	416
Urology	6	121	1	74	29	10	100	36	2	379
Vascular surgery	3	69	1	42	15	6	52	15	2	205
No sub-speciality declared	-	45	1	-	-	-	14	4	4	68
Total	1,136	18,815	510	11,343	4,836	1,359	15,042	5,618	925	59,584

Table 2: Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory										
Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	-	66	1	45	15	10	230	24	-	391

Table 3: Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory

Medical practitioners – age by registration type											
Age group	Registration type								Total	% by Age Group	
Age group	General	General (Teaching & Assessing)	General & Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	Non-Practising			
U-25	3	-	-	-	807	2	-	-	812	0.83%	
25-29	5,270	-	4	3	4,124	835	-	33	10,269	10.46%	
30-34	9,743	-	839	202	979	957	-	135	12,855	13.09%	
35-39	5,753	1	4,878	849	310	1,268	-	237	13,296	13.54%	
40-44	2,855	2	6,512	1,576	138	881	5	244	12,213	12.44%	
45-49	1,701	2	6,495	1,701	68	422	3	206	10,598	10.79%	
50-54	1,339	1	7,126	1,321	41	220	7	238	10,293	10.48%	
55-59	1,013	3	6,912	865	10	126	9	214	9,152	9.32%	
60-64	644	1	5,650	461	3	66	7	196	7,028	7.16%	
65-69	414	5	4,415	231	-	28	43	218	5,354	5.45%	
70-74	326	4	2,495	88	-	5	102	250	3,270	3.33%	
75-79	223	5	1,105	26	-	2	96	218	1,675	1.71%	
80+	250	6	666	11	-	-	130	316	1,379	1.40%	
Total	29,534	30	47,097	7,334	6,480	4,812	402	2,505	98,194	100.00%	

Table 4: Medical practitioners – age by registration type

Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration						
Age group	Type of limited registration				Total	% by Age Group
Age group	Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	Area of Need	Public Interest	Teaching or Research		
U-25	1	1	-	-	2	0.04%
25-29	586	249	-	-	835	17.35%
30-34	636	314	-	7	957	19.89%
35-39	903	356	-	9	1268	26.35%
40-44	558	318	1	4	881	18.31%
45-49	206	212	1	3	422	8.77%
50-54	84	134	2	-	220	4.57%
55-59	40	83	1	2	126	2.62%
60-64	14	49	2	1	66	1.37%
65-69	7	21	-	-	28	0.58%
70-74	0	5	-	-	5	0.10%
75-79	0	2	-	-	2	0.04%
80+	0	-	-	-	0	0.00%
Total	3,035	1,744	7	26	4812	100.00%

Table 5: Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration

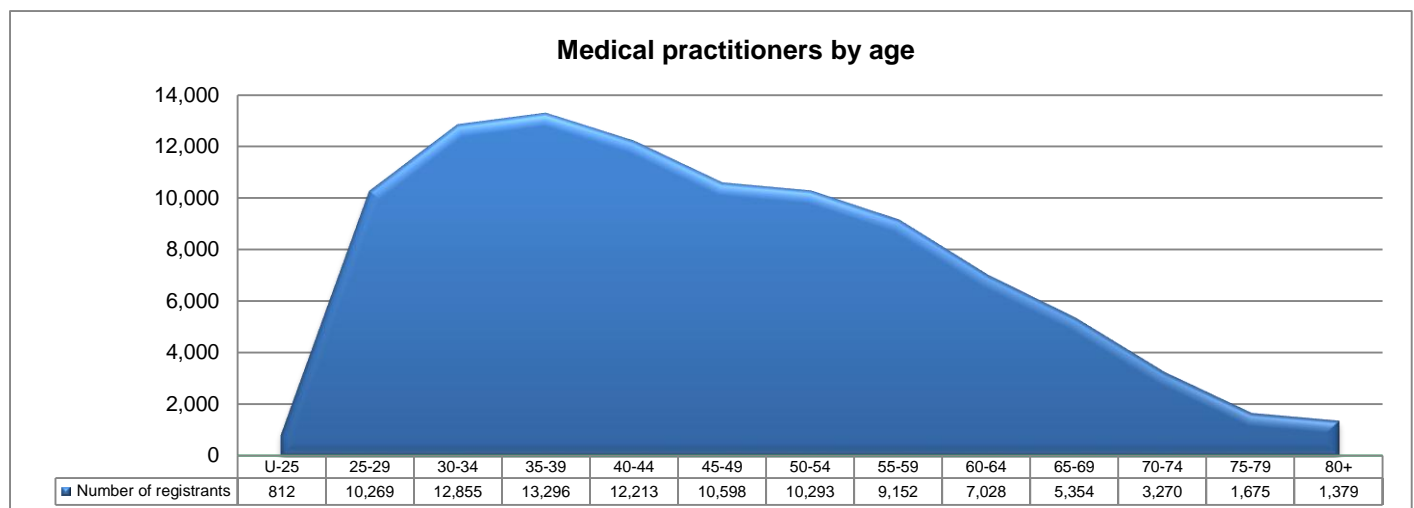


Chart 2: Medical practitioners by age

Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender and registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	854	12,326	524	7,377	2,925	866	9,774	3,945	767	39,358
General	323	4,749	227	2,828	1,044	293	3,614	1,444	249	14,771
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	4	-	1	1	-	3	2	-	11
General & Specialist	335	5,160	163	2,804	1,235	375	4,195	1,334	145	15,746
Specialist	48	551	34	603	147	61	479	351	90	2,364
Provisional	83	1,012	63	711	296	74	864	364	3	3,470
Limited	55	593	35	320	160	43	434	330	3	1,973
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	45	545	5	160	125	28	311	58	2	1,279
<i>Area of Need</i>	9	46	30	159	32	15	120	270	1	682
<i>Public Interest</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	1	2	-	1	3	-	2	2	-	11
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	2	-	14	-	-	-	42	-	58
Non-Practising	10	255	2	96	42	20	185	78	277	965
Male	1,051	18,588	527	11,463	4,595	1,270	14,056	5,812	1,474	58,836
General	279	4,858	175	3,069	1,035	271	3,372	1,309	395	14,763
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	4	-	6	4	-	4	1	-	19
General & Specialist	541	10,475	198	5,710	2,605	685	8,006	2,750	381	31,351
Specialist	89	1,097	71	1,274	342	137	989	725	246	4,970
Provisional	53	873	25	716	256	69	729	278	11	3,010
Limited	64	844	56	442	269	76	648	438	2	2,839
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	48	736	5	215	206	31	404	109	2	1,756
<i>Area of Need</i>	15	101	50	221	62	45	242	326	-	1,062
<i>Public Interest</i>	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	6
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	7	-	4	-	-	1	3	-	15
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	18	-	113	-	1	-	206	6	344
Non-Practising	25	419	2	133	84	31	308	105	433	1,540
Total Practitioners	1,905	30,914	1,051	18,840	7,520	2,136	23,830	9,757	2,241	98,194

Table 6: Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type

Medical practitioners – percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	44.83%	39.87%	49.86%	39.16%	38.90%	40.54%	41.02%	40.43%	34.23%	40.08%
Male	55.17%	60.13%	50.14%	60.84%	61.10%	59.46%	58.98%	59.57%	65.77%	59.92%

Table 7: Medical practitioners – percentage by gender