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Dear Madam / Sir

RE: Consultation – Limited registration standards and draft guideline on short-term training in a medical specialty pathway

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to provide feedback on the above draft registration standards.

The College would like make the following comments to the questions raised in Attachment F, 'Questions for stakeholders on the draft guideline on short-term training in a medical specialty for international medical graduates who are not qualified for general or specialist registration'.

Question 1: *Do you support the proposed name change? If not, do you propose an alternative name for this pathway?*

Yes

Question 2: *Are the eligibility criteria for this pathway appropriate? If not, in what way should they be changed?*

The College has previously had approved from the Board for trainees from Oman and other middle eastern countries to do 5 years training in Australia to get Fellowship. Will this be able to continue?

Question 3: *Is it reasonable to have an exemption for IMGs with general scope registration in New Zealand who are accredited college trainees?*

Yes

Question 4: *Is the role of the specialist medical colleges as described in the draft guideline appropriate. If not, what changes do you propose?*

Yes

Question 5: *Is the process for applying directly to the College on a Board application form appropriate?*

Yes

Question 6: *Is the information that the IMG is required to provide to the college sufficient for colleges to advise the Board about the IMG's suitability for the short-term training in a medical specialty pathway? If not, what additional information should be requested?*

Yes

Question 7: *Is this approach appropriate for practitioners in this pathway who apply to renew registration beyond 24 months? If not, why not?*

See comment under Question 2.

Question 8: *Some medical practitioners undertaking short-term training in a medical specialty may decide to apply to the specialist college for specialist recognition. Are there any barriers to this?*

No

Question 9: *Is it appropriate for the specialist colleges to provide advice to the Board about the suitability of training for a medical practitioner in the circumstances described above?*

Yes

Question 10: *Are the definitions under section 8 appropriate? If not, what changes do you propose?*

Please refer to Question 2 again.

Yours sincerely



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