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Dear Dr Flynn

**Re: Public consultation on the draft revised Guidelines – *Supervised practice for international medical graduates.***

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission in relation to the above revised guidelines.

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), including the Faculty of Pain Medicine, is committed to high standards of clinical practice in the fields of anaesthesia and pain medicine. As the education and training body responsible for the postgraduate training programs of anaesthesia and pain medicine for Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia, we believe in ongoing continuous improvement and strive to ensure our programs represent best practice and contribute to a high quality health system.

ANZCA has reviewed the revised Guidelines and believes that they are appropriate, and are not overly prescriptive. They represent a measured approach to this issue that allows supervision of international medical graduates to occur in a range of different environments without compromising public safety.

Answers to the specific questions posed in the consultation document are below:

*1. Are the proposed restrictions on the number of IMGs a supervisor can supervise reasonable? (Maximum four IMGs - one level one IMG and up to three IMGs on other levels).*

Yes

*2. It is proposed that the guidelines specify when an IMG on level one or two supervision must consult their supervisor about the management of all patients - for level one at the time of the consultation before the patient leaves and for level two on a daily basis. Is this reasonable, if not, when should they consult their supervisor?*

Yes

3. *Is it reasonable to require that if the position is in a general practice, the practice (not the position) must be accredited to the RACGP Standards for General Practice (4th edition)?*

Yes

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Should you require any further information, please contact Jonathon Kruger, General Manager, Policy, via email [jkruger@anzca.edu.au](mailto:jkruger@anzca.edu.au) or telephone +61 3 8517 5341.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Genevieve', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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