

## Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Queensland

The Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Queensland (PMcq) is a not-for-profit public company governed by a Board of Directors. PMcq has been delegated authority by the Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia for the accreditation of intern training programs. PMcq maintains their office in the Citilink Building, Bowen Hills. PMcq is the Queensland representative on the Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils (CPMEC) and provides input into numerous national discussions and submissions. PMcq's main committees are the Accreditation Committee and the Junior Medical Officer Forum Queensland (JMOFQ).

### JMO FORUM QUEENSLAND

The Junior Medical Officer Forum Queensland (JMOFQ) is a representative group of junior doctors from major Queensland facilities that employ interns. The JMOFQ meets face-to-face annually and then via six weekly teleconferences to discuss educational issues that affect junior doctors.

The Forum's main role within PMcq is to represent Junior Medical Officers' interests in prevocational educational and training programs. The JMOFQ also provides a confidential avenue for the referral of issues regarding education and training standards to the PMcq Accreditation Committee; liaise with other State and Territory Junior Medical Officer Forums; promote and support the recommendations of the National Forum and the National JMO Forum, and liaise and provide appropriate support and information to other bodies representing junior doctor education, training and welfare.

All medical graduates in Queensland must complete a year-long rotation through accredited intern positions. The JMOFQ provides feedback in regards to the development and maintenance of appropriate accreditation standards. This ensures that the standards governing intern terms have an educational focus in addition to the necessary workforce requirements.

New graduates often seek a clearer understanding in their new intern role, and the requirements specific to internship in Queensland. The JMOFQ has developed the Intern Booklet to provide detailed information on requirements for general registration,

the educational objectives of intern terms, and available support structures. Electronic versions of the Intern Booklet are available at all times on our website [www.pmcq.com.au](http://www.pmcq.com.au), under Junior Medical Officers/JMO Publications.

Members of the JMOFQ are active locally in hospital based General Clinical Education Committees which meet at least quarterly and discuss any changes or concerns within each of the intern terms accredited at their facility. They also provide representation to Queensland Health's Medical Workforce Advice and Coordination unit which provide a means of both keeping junior doctors updated in regards to state wide developments and providing feedback and advocacy for junior doctor concerns.

The JMOFQ Forum stays updated on national issues through both representation on national committees and regular communication with JMO Forums from other states. This involvement includes the National JMO Forum which is an opportunity to provide a unified voice advocating junior doctor education and training in a national context.

If you would like more information about the JMOFQ or have questions regarding your training and education as a junior doctor, either PMcq or your MEO or DCT will be able to put you in touch with your local JMOFQ representative.

### ACCREDITATION

Accreditation entitles facilities (public and private hospital units, rural hospitals and general practices) to provide postgraduate education for interns so that

they may complete the requirements for general registration as Medical Practitioners.

PMcq is the autonomous body empowered by the Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia to conduct the process of accreditation.

PMcq has had a major role since 1992, supporting junior doctors' education in Queensland Hospitals on behalf of the Medical Board and in co operation with Queensland Health. This is achieved through the accreditation system which sets and monitors standards for the education and supervision of prevocational trainees. Accreditation aims to promote the attainment of a universally high standard of general clinical training.

### ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

The Accreditation Committee (AC) governs the accreditation system and members are appointed by PMcq's Board of Directors. Members of the AC are drawn from a variety of professions including Directors of Medical Services, Directors of Clinical Training, Medical Education Officers, clinicians, junior doctors (including JMO Forum representatives), PMcq Board of Directors, universities, specialty colleges and associated organisations related to the health industry.

The AC meets every six weeks to:

- Oversight accreditation
- Endorse accreditation reports
- Address issues within training facilities, and
- Discuss state and national prevocational education and training issues.

### ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

The development of PMcq's current accreditation system commenced in 2006. A comprehensive accreditation system was developed to include policies, processes, standards, companion resources and trained accreditation surveyors.

A clear and transparent process to guide the accreditation of facilities providing intern education and training was created. This provides assurance to stakeholders that facilities are providing quality education programs for interns across Queensland, resulting in positive outcomes for interns and patients alike.

Significant growth in graduate numbers has resulted in further refinements and streamlining on the accreditation system. The balance of quality and safety in medical education with the need to grow accredited intern capacity has been sustained since 2009.

### ACCREDITATION MATRIX

Each facility is provided with a matrix which details their accredited terms. PMcq liaises on an ongoing basis to ensure details are accurate and up to date. Facilities' matrices are also provided to the Medical Board of Australia with all accreditation reports for cross referencing when interns apply for registration. The list of accredited terms should be made available to interns within their place of employment to ensure they are working in accredited terms. Matrices can be found on our website at: [www.pmcq.com.au](http://www.pmcq.com.au).

### SURVEYOR TRAINING

Accreditation surveyors play a vital role in the accreditation process and PMcq seeks expressions of interest from a wide group of stakeholders. Junior doctors are particularly important within survey teams. PMcq encourages you to consider becoming a surveyor. As a surveyor, you will be able to explore the education and training opportunities available at other Queensland facilities, and expand your own professional development. Junior doctors are entitled to special leave with pay for accreditation visits so you will not be required to use your annual leave or ADOs to attend. PMcq can assist with requests to your employer for release from duties.

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