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New medical interns arrive on the Sunshine Coast

54 new interns were welcomed to the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) on January 16, beginning their journey from junior medical officers under supervised practice to achieving full registration to practice medicine without supervision.

SCHHS Deputy Executive Director Medical Services, Dr Mauritius Du Toit, said the intern year was a very important year when clinical management, communication and professional skills are consolidated, under the close guidance and supervision of more senior colleagues.

“By the end of 2017, interns will have completed terms in medicine, emergency medicine and surgery and will have also participated in a specifically designed intensive program of education and professional development opportunities, in accordance with national standards and requirements set by external accreditation agencies,” Dr Du Toit said.

“The application process for local internships has once again been very competitive and this year’s applicants are of very high calibre.

“These young doctors have already spent years completing their undergraduate training, and are now entering a new exciting, but demanding, period of their careers.

“As hospital interns they will be important members of staff, helping to meet the ever-increasing demand for health services across the Sunshine Coast and surrounding areas.”

After receiving a week of general and clinical orientation, 54 interns will commence their rotational duties at Nambour, Caloundra, Maleny and Gympie Hospitals.

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