



JMO Forum Chair's Report to NTPMC Council

The year's JMO Forum activities are drawing to a close. The main activities of the JMO Forum since the last NTPMC meeting have included representation at the Australasian Junior Medical Officer Forum in Adelaide, restructuring of meetings in an attempt to increase the number of JMOs able to attend from both Darwin and Alice Springs and funding for the 2014 face-to-face meeting. We have also continued to work on our main projects the NT JMO Guide and Central Australian Aboriginal Language and Community Guide.

1. Prevocational Medical Education Conference (Adelaide)

There were 5 JMOs from the NT able to attend this year's conference. The conference was an excellent opportunity to network with JMOs from other jurisdictions, to become aware of ways to improve all aspects of the prevocational space including JMO led projects.

2. Australian Junior Medical Officer's Committee Meeting

AJMOC had their annual meeting at the Prevocational Medical Education Conference. The aim of this meeting is to refine and add to the AJMOC Resolutions. This year's resolutions are not yet finalised (find the draft attached) but the main areas of debate were as follows:

- PGY2+ education and accreditation. AJMOC strongly believes there should be educational opportunities for PGY2+ prevocational doctors. Accreditation in this setting could serve as a way for quality improvement.
- AJMOC is concerned about the bottleneck in training positions moving to the transition between prevocational and vocational training. There was discussion around development of more clear resources for career planning and realistic career goals. AJMOC also believes the Vocational College's should train doctors in line with community demand.
- PGY2+ assessments. AJMOC believes end of term feedback / assessment should remain the property of the individual doctor and never be called upon in a competitive process (e.g. job or college applications). It was felt this would undermine its usefulness as a feedback and professional development tool.
- Doctor's health continues to be of concern to AJMOC especially in light of recent publications and adverse outcomes in other Jurisdictions.

3. NT JMO Forum Funding / Local Innovation Fund

The JMO Forum applied for funding through the Local Innovation fund. This was to help fund the face-to-face meeting which is key to the ongoing success of the NT JMO Forum. It is hoped through the support of the face-to-face meeting we will be able to complete a number of key projects namely the Central Australian Aboriginal Language and Community Guide and the JMO Guide / Training booklet. The application has been attached.



4. JMO guide/training booklet

This has unfortunately stalled. It is a huge task to complete the edit and formatting given the size of the document. We are (slowly) wading through it.

5. Central Australian Aboriginal language and Community Guide

Mindy Crowe and Clare O'sullivan have completed the language guide. We are currently working on the community guide. It is designed to orient people new (or old) to the hospital to the geography, population and health service access of people in Central Australia. Simple information in a simple table but very useful when considering appropriate discharge and follow up plans.

6. Restructuring and Succession Planning

Convention of the NT JMO Forum is to rotate Chair and Co-chair positions between Darwin and Alice Springs. The 2014 Chair will hopefully be a Darwin JMO. There are two JMOs who have currently expressed interest, both will however be new doctors to the Northern Territory, and we are continuing to search for interested candidates.

In 2013 it was noticed that there was little engagement with the forum from Darwin JMOs. This was probably a side effect of an active RMO Society which often discusses many of the same issues as the JMO Forum. Time is precious and JMOs do not have the capability of attending multiple meetings, especially about the same things. In response to this we are looking to time JMO Forum meetings with Darwin RMO Society meetings on approximately 4-5 occasions in 2014. In this format RMO Society business would not be discussed in the JMO Forum part of the meetings.

We are looking at January 2014 for the first combined meeting.

7. Improve paging practices at Alice Springs Hospital

This issue was raised with Dr Winton Barnes who has unfortunately left Alice Springs Hospital. It became evident that text paging is available but it will require further follow up now Winton has left.

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