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Overview of the Medical Education and Training Centre

The Medical Education and Training Centre (METC) are established within the Department of Health (DoH) and currently sit with the Chief Health Officer Division. METC will continue the work started by the NT Postgraduate Medical Council (NTPMC) which was re-established as a result of the 2008 NT Medical Education and Training Review.

The METC is a small business unit with limited resources and an expanding portfolio to facilitate and coordinate

- medical education and training;
- prevocational accreditation;
- support to the Health Services for prevocational applications and recruitment; and
- lead and support workforce planning to achieve a sustainable workforce in the NT.

We are working towards being a point of jurisdictional coordination in relation to medical staff matters across the whole medical training and practice continuum.

METC continues the work of the NTPMC for the Intern Education and Training Program accreditation and is currently working with the NT health services increasing the accreditation service to include postgraduate year 2 education and training programs. These accredited programs for the postgraduate years are expanding out into the regional and rural areas of the NT with Tennant Creek Hospital leading the way and Katherine and Gove hospitals currently preparing submissions. METC is the Medical Board of Australia's accrediting authority for the NT Intern education and training programs.

Other functions that now sit with the METC are the coordination of the Northern Territory Medical Program which includes the return of service years after graduation from their medical degree. In 2016 the METC commenced the management and coordination of the NT Intern Application process. 2017 has seen the implementation of the NT Government eRecruit system for the Intern application and recruitment process underway with the expected expansion to the resident medical officer application process in 2018.

METC is working towards collating workforce data that relate to the portfolio areas being worked on currently and hopes to expand this function with further resources in the future.



NT Medical Trainee Network (NTMTN)

There have been a number of discussions as to how best serve the junior medical officers interest to continuously improve medical education and training in the Northern Territory and how to engage with them considering our demographics and numbers.

The NT METC would like to establish a territory wide network of all medical trainees training in the Northern Territory. Membership would include Medical Students, Interns, RMOs, and Registrars including International Medical Graduates studying in the NT.

A network approach will give trainee medical officers at all levels of their training continuum the opportunity to engage with medical education and training stakeholders. Where they can contribute and participate in strategic and policy decisions that will have an impact across the NT for current and future trainee medical officers.

METC will be reaching out to all trainee medical officers in the near future to promote the NT Medical Trainee Network asking for expressions of interest to be involved in getting this network established. If you are interested and would like to be involved please get in contact with the METC via our email address METC.DoH@nt.gov.au or call (08) 89 992834. We would really like to hear from you!

NT METC Awards

Once again the Medical Education and Training Centre will be running the annual NT Junior Doctor and Clinical Educator of the Year awards in conjunction with the Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Councils (CPMEC). These awards recognise junior doctors and clinical educators who make a significant contribution to medical education and training in the Territory.

All state/territory winners are recognised by CPMEC for their contribution and the national winner will be announced at the 22nd Prevocational National Forum to be held in Brisbane from 12-15 November 2017.

NT Clinical Educator 2016



L: Dr Simon Quilty,
R: Dr Hugh Heggie DoH CHO

NT Junior Medical Officer 2016



L: Dr Tessa Finney-Brown,
R: A/Prof Malcom Leek METC Director

Northern Territory Medical Program

The Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP) commenced in 2011 with an annual intake of 24 students into the Flinders University Doctor of Medicine (MD) course. The impetus for commencing this program was to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Northern Territory residents to study medicine in the Territory and in doing so to develop a sustainable Northern Territory workforce.

The program has a graduate admission pathway and an undergraduate pathway, in collaboration with Charles Darwin University (CDU). Students entering via the undergraduate pathway complete 2 years of study in the Bachelor of Clinical Science with CDU prior to commencing the Flinders MD course. One feature of the graduate admissions is to provide an Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) which includes both the Preparation for Medicine Program and Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (FUELS) Program.

The Northern Territory Government provides funding for the NTMP allowing for students to study fee-free

for the duration of their Flinders MD course. Graduates from the program are then bonded to the Northern Territory for a set period. The Medical Education and Training Centre holds responsibility for the administrative oversight of the NTMP on behalf of the NT Government.

The first two years of the NTMP are conducted from the purpose built facility on the Charles Darwin University Darwin Campus; this includes a lecture theatre with video conferencing technology, group study rooms, clinical teaching space, anatomy laboratory, quiet study lounge and student common rooms.

The final two years of the NTMP include clinical placements across the Northern Territory (wider rural community) with students involved in both Community Based Medical Education and Hospital Based Medical Education in all NT training hospitals. In addition to the NTMP buildings at CDU, Flinders University has student facilities in Darwin at the Royal Darwin

Hospital, Alice Springs Hospital, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.

Students studying in the Northern Territory undertake a program that is contextualised for the Territory and the innovative nature of this program means that students can complete a significant amount of their study in a remote area but can also have experience in suburban Adelaide if they wish.



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NT Medical Education and Training

The NT provides an invaluable platform to junior doctors and registrars alike to consolidate, maintain and widen their knowledge, skills and experience, as well as having access to opportunities to explore their potential careers in rural and remote settings. Medical trainees are provided opportunities to study, experience and meet the educational outcomes needed for their courses of study with a strong overlay of Aboriginal and Tropical medicine. Both health services have teaching hospitals providing training across the training continuum, from medical students to registrar accredited training. Both health services have strong links to the Northern Territory (NT) Medical Program (bonded return of service program), Flinders University and James Cook University along with many specialist college opportunities throughout the NT. Prevocational Medical Education and Training in the Northern Territory (NT) is provided by NT's two health services, Top End Health Service (TEHS) and Central Australian Health Service (CAHS). Each of these health services has a number

of health facilities where prevocational doctors are educated and trained. TEHS has three hospitals (becoming 4 in 2018) and CAHS two. For the early prevocational years the two health services have a combined total of 57 accredited Intern (PGY1) positions. METC is the national accrediting authority for Intern training in the NT. Both Health Services in the NT offer the Medical Board of Australia's Internship core term requirements. The Internship in the NT provides a rural generalist approach to the education and training through both the core and elective terms across each health services training places. Some of the electives available to NT interns include Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, Intensive Care, Cardiology, Palliative Care and Renal Medicine to name a few. In later prevocational years (PGY2+) rotational opportunities widen to include Anaesthetics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, General rural rotations and several other rotations depending on the health service location. Rural rotations (offsite to main parent employing hospital) for Interns are

becoming available through each health service. CAHS has two intern positions accredited at Tennant Creek Hospital with TEHS accredited intern positions expected by the end of this year at Katherine District Hospital and Gove Hospital to possibly follow after that. These intern rural rotations within each health service will add to the intern medical education and training program already in place. These rural intern positions are assessed as part of the METC accreditation processes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of patients and junior doctors with the supervision of interns being a high priority. TEHS has 32 accredited intern positions within its main training hospital, Royal Darwin Hospital with its current accreditation due to expire in September 2018. CAHS currently has a total of 25 accredited intern positions with 23 being at its parent training site of Alice Springs Hospital and 2 that have been recently accredited as an offsite general rural rotation at Tennant Creek Hospital. CAHS accreditation status expires September 2019.

METC Website

NT METC has a website www.ntmetc.com that has information about the Medical Education and Training Centre, Prevocational Accreditation, NT Internship, NT Medical Program, Education and Training. There is also a section for the Junior Medical Officer Forum that has the historical documents from when it was established in 2008. For more information about Trainee Medical Officers watch this space for a new network that METC is establishing.

The website hosts many links that may be of use under the Links page, for example Australian Specialist Medical Colleges, Journals, State and Territory Medical Registration Boards.

The Junior Doctor of the Year and Clinical Educator of the Year Award information and nomination forms are on our website (nominations usually open in August each year and close in September). We look forward to your nominations for both of these important awards that recognise both clinical educators and junior doctors who contribute to the education and training programs in the NT. Keep watch for the announcement of the winners in late September each year.

We also have a News and Events page that will give you links and dates for upcoming events such as the national Prevocational Medical Education and Training Forums held annually around Australia and New Zealand. We also host information regarding upcoming events for example the recent Flinders University information session on studying medicine in the Northern Territory.

Our newsletters like this one will be stored on our website as well for future reference.

We hope you will go and check out the website and use it to assist you. Let us know if you think we should add a page or link that would be of assistance regarding Education and training in the NT.



From the Editor

This newsletter is published by email and website: www.ntmetc.com

We invite contributions on all aspects of medical education and training, in particular news stories, achievements, launches, events and editorials related to health workforce education, training and development (photos and illustrations are desirable).

Please feel free to email the Editor with any news and/or stories that you would like to see in our newsletter. Send to METC.DoH@nt.gov.au with title of 'Newsletter article'

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email, please let us know via email METC.DoH@nt.gov.au

This newsletter is produced bi-annually. The submission deadline for December's issues is the 30th of October 2017. Please ensure you submit your news stories prior to then. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you



Maria Halkitis
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