

# National Medical Training Advisory Network

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## Executive Committee Meeting Communique Friday 5 May 2017

The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) Executive Committee met on 5 May 2017 in Melbourne.

Representatives of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) presented the findings of the *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Dermatology* report. Members endorsed the report and agreed to publish it on the NMTAN website. Members also agreed to establish a working group to develop an action plan on the report's recommendations.

The President of the Australian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) presented the findings of the *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Emergency Medicine* report. Challenges facing the Emergency Medicine workforce, its relationship to the broader medical workforce and the workforce needs of employers were discussed in considering the report and its recommendations. Members endorsed the report, which will be submitted to Health Ministers for approval. A working group will also be established to work with ACEM on implementing the recommendations.

The President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) addressed the meeting on the changing scope of practice for ophthalmologists. The *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Ophthalmology* report is currently being drafted and will be presented to members at a meeting later this year.

NMTAN noted the current workforce trends and considered areas of improvement for a nationally consistent data model to develop robust medical workforce evidence-base. Amongst others, greater inclusion of jurisdictional information was discussed.

The Commonwealth provided members with an update on the Approved Medical Deputising Service Program and the review of the Specialist Training Program. Members also endorsed the advice on the supply and distribution of medical school places discussed at the NMTAN meeting on 17 February 2017.

The next meeting of NMTAN will be held on 25 August 2017.