

National Medical Training Advisory Network
Executive Committee Meeting
Communiqué
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The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) Executive Committee met in Melbourne on 1 December 2015.

Members discussed progress on the supply and demand modelling work for medical specialties. The modelling of the anaesthesia workforce is expected to be completed in early 2016, followed by the modelling of the General Practice (GP) workforce. The endorsed priority listing for the next round of modelling includes:

- Obstetrics and gynaecology;
- Radiology (including radiotherapy);
- Emergency medicine;
- Ophthalmology;
- Intensive care; and
- Dermatology.

The “Changing Clinical Work with Projected Changing Burden of Chronic Disease” project will undertake further work on supply and demand modelling once the recommendations of the Primary Health Care Advisory Group (PHCAG) have been released. Further work will continue to be aligned with other relevant initiatives, including the planned modelling of GP workforce.

The Committee was briefed on national initiatives including the development of the National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions, the PHCAG review, and the Specialist Training Programme (STP) review. NMTAN members have participated in the consultations for these initiatives.

The Committee noted that the next phase of the Review of Medical Intern Training will focus on the feasibility, prioritisation and sequencing of the recommendations. This will be guided by the Health Workforce Principal Committee and advice to Health Ministers is expected early next year.

In addition to its current work plan, NMTAN will take the opportunity to work with the National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network which is expected to commence operation in 2016.

The next meeting of the NMTAN will be held on 10 March 2016.