

Media release

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Agency Management Committee membership announced by Ministers

The membership of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (AHPRA) Agency Management Committee was today announced by Australia's Health Ministers in a communiqué.

The Agency Management Committee oversees AHPRA's work, including deciding policies. A focus for the Committee is on ensuring an effective and efficient partnership between AHPRA and the National Boards to regulate Australia's registered health practitioners and bring out the best of the National Scheme.

The Agency Management Committee's five current members have been reappointed for various terms, and three new members have been appointed. The appointment terms range from 12 months to three years, allowing for future staggered appointments to balance renewal with experience. All the appointments commence on 3 September 2012.

AHPRA's Agency Management Committee reappointed members are:

- Mr Peter Allen: reappointed as Chair for 12 months
- Professor Genevieve Gray: reappointed for 12 months
- Professor Merrilyn Walton: reappointed for two years
- Mr Michael Gorton AM: reappointed for three years, and
- Professor Constantine (Con) Michael AO: reappointed for three years

The three new appointments for the Committee are:

- Mr Ian Smith, Chief Executive of the Western Australia Country Health Service
- Ms Fran Thorn, former Secretary of the Department of Health Victoria, and
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Director-General, New South Wales Health.

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council communiqué is published on the [AHPRA website](#).

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) works in partnership with 14 National Boards to implement the national regulatory scheme for health professionals. The purpose of health practitioner regulation is to protect the public by ensuring that only health practitioners who have the skills, qualifications and knowledge to provide safe care are registered.

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