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Consultation on revised CPD Registration framework

Dear sir,

I have the following comments to make about the proposed changes :

[1] : There has been overwhelming OPPOSITION to these changes from rank-and-file doctors. Articles on these proposed changes published in "Australian Doctor" sparked 132 responses from doctors, all of which were opposed to the changes , which were regarded as Bureaucracy "gone mad". Many older doctors stated that these CPD requirements would only hasten their retirement . If you are only working 2-3 days per week , you still have to complete 50 hours of CPD in all three categories .

AHPRA in effect will be reducing the Medical Workforce numbers of Doctors who would previously be working P/T at the twilight of their careers.

[2]: The Measuring Outcomes category is simply collecting Data and does not make me a better doctor. For Solo Practitioners , this is time-consuming and of little benefit .

The requirement that 25% of CPD must be in this Category is outrageous.

In my opinion Category 3 should be REMOVED altogether .

[3]: I strongly object to the requirement that CPD must include at least 25% of all three Categories . At present the RACP has a requirement to be involved in at least two categories, and NOT all three .

At present I obtain much of my Medical Updating from on-line Websites , such as Medscape and MD Briefcase , etc, however this education is not recognised for points under the current system in Australia. Doctors in the USA however earn points for completing these education programs.

In conclusion, it is time AHPRA listened to "the troops" because there is overwhelming OPPOSITION to the proposed CPD changes.

Regards,

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