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Sent: Thursday, 13 June 2024 8:22 AM
To: Specialist IMG Pathways Review
Subject: Public consultation on the revised Registration standard: specialist registration'

Hi,

I am writing as I am concerned about the above pathway impacting on my career progression and prospects.

As a trainee physician the outlook of specialist training and post fellowship opportunities is doubtful at best. Public positions are rare and private appointments will become exceedingly difficult to obtain as there is no real growth in the private hospital sector despite the population explosion and unprecedented demand of hospital beds.

This alternative pathway will directly impact my career prospects. It is insulting to have to demonstrate excellence in training in the Australian public hospital system only in order for an international fellow to take a position that would otherwise have been available for domestic fellows.

By adopting this pathway you might find a quick fix for the specialist shortages - however inflated they might appear on your books - but will dilute the quality of Australian specialists and insult the integrity of domestic trainees.

I will strongly advocate against this change and will be pursuing the media to highlight the impact that this alternative pathway will have on domestic graduates/trainees.

You don't have to look very far afield internationally to see the impact that pursuing this pathway will have on the attitudes of trainees and the quality of medicine practiced.

Warm regards,

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