

HETI's Prevocational Accreditation Committee Position Statement

JMO Supervision of Medical Students

It has been brought to the Prevocational Accreditation Committee's (PAC) attention that PGY1 trainees are being allocated supervisory and training responsibilities for Medical Students within certain hospital terms.

This document outlines PAC's position on supervision and teaching provided by Prevocational Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) trainees or Junior Medical Officers (JMOs) to Medical Students.

1. Supervision:

The PAC's view is that PGY1 interns are still transitioning from medical school themselves. Their Provisional Registration is under Category A Supervision, which requires that a senior clinician must have direct responsibility and accountability for any of their clinical and patient related activities. A such PGY1 interns cannot be taking primary responsibility for the supervision of any medical students other than under delegation from a more senior medical officer who carries overarching responsibility and accountability at all times.

2. Teaching:

The PAC's view is that PGY1's may be involved in appropriately supported teaching/supervision of medical students as part of their roles within a clinical team as per The Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors (CPMEC):

"Guidelines relevant to teaching, learning and supervision:

- Plans, develops and conducts teaching sessions for peers and juniors;
- Incorporates teaching into clinical work;
- Provides effective supervision by using recognised techniques and skills (availability, orientation, learning opportunities, role modelling, and delegation).
- Adapts level of supervision to the learner's competence and confidence."

In order to do so effectively and safely, JMOs should be supported to develop the necessary skills and expertise in this area through local mentorship as well as the provision of appropriate professional development programs, such as Teaching on the Run.