

JMO Newsletter

MARCH 2019

Welcome to the first edition of the JMO newsletter. This newsletter provides you with information on HETI, events and updates within the prevocational space. It is hoped that this newsletter will be published three to four times per year.

Junior Medical Officer (JMO Forum)

The NSW Junior Medical Officer (JMO) Forum represents junior doctor interests in prevocational education and training, accreditation and junior doctor wellbeing.

The Forum provides an opportunity for JMO representatives from across the NSW prevocational training networks to raise and discuss issues relevant to prevocational supervision, education and training, accreditation and welfare. The forum is also an opportunity for JMOs to come together as a professional group to network and share innovations and cross-fertilisation of ideas that promote quality improvement and workplace safety.



The Chair of the Forum in 2019 is Dr Thomas Morrison. Tom is a Resident Medical Officer at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital after graduating with a Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine (Distinction) in 2017 from the University of New South Wales.



In addition, Tom is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was formerly the Chair of the Board of Arc@UNSW, the UNSW student organisation, and the Australian Medical Student's Association (AMSA). Tom has previously served as a member of the Australian Medical Council's Medical Schools Accreditation committee.



2019 JMO FORUM DATES

- **22 March**
- **6 June – there will be a session for JMOs at the Prevocational Conference**
- **9 August**
- **25 October**

For more information about the Forum or to find out who your JMO Forum representatives is go to:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/prevocational-education/jmo-forum>

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HETI Allocation Unit

Along with allocation of medical graduates to internship positions in NSW, the Allocation team at HETI also supports the JMO Forum, Prevocational Training Council (PvTC), Prevocational Conference and the Prevocational Training Awards.

NSW employs more prevocational trainees than any other State or Territory in Australia. For the 2019 clinical year there were 1024 Ministry of Health funded positions. This was an increase of 25 positions from 2018.

Prevocational Training Council (PvTC)

The role of the Prevocational Training Council (PvTC) is to ensure state wide coordination of the Prevocational Training Networks and develop resources which will improve prevocational training in NSW. The PvTC promotes high quality training for prevocational trainees in NSW. The PvTC advises HETI on the procedures and standards that govern the operation of the Prevocational Education and Training Program, and ensures the effective functioning of the Network Committees for Prevocational Training (NCPT) in NSW.

The Chair of the PvTC is Dr James Edwards. Dr Edwards is the Acting Director and Senior Staff Specialist at the Emergency Department at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

The JMO Forum reports to the PvTC and the Chair is a member on the Council during their term as Chair.

For more information go to the Prevocational Education page on the HETI website:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/prevocational-education>

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[HETI Prevocational Training Awards 2019](#)

Nominations are now open for the HETI Prevocational Training awards. These awards recognise the substantial contribution made by individuals to the education and support of prevocational trainees.

[The Geoff Marel Award](#)

This prestigious award is presented in honour of the late Associate Professor Geoff Marel. The nominee should be a Director of Prevocational Education and Training (DPET), Term Supervisor, clinician or other individuals involved in the education and support of prevocational trainees. Nominations for this award are to be made exclusively by prevocational trainees.

[The JMO Manager of the Year Award](#)

This award recognises the work of a JMO Manager or Administrator who has made substantial contributions to the education and support of prevocational trainees. Nominations can be made by prevocational trainees.

[The JMO of the Year Award](#)

This award recognises the work of a JMO who has made substantial contributions to the education and support of prevocational trainees. Nominees can be PGY1 or PGY2. PGY3 trainees may also be nominated however their contributions should be restricted to those undertaken as a PGY1 or 2.

Nominations can be made by any prevocational stakeholder.

- **Nominations close - Monday 29 March 2019**
- **Award presentation - 6 June 2019 at the Prevocational Conference gala dinner.**

Download application forms at:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/prevocational-education/nsw-prevocational-training-awards>

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[Prevocational Conference 6 & 7 June 2019](#)



This two-day conference is for anyone involved with, or interested in, the delivery of high quality training and the wellbeing of prevocational trainees in NSW. The conference will include a celebration of 30 years of history for the Prevocational Program in NSW and will include presentation of the prevocational awards.

Directors of Prevocational Education and Training, Prevocational Term Supervisors, JMO Managers, Education Support Officers and JMOs across NSW Health are invited to attend.

The Conference program, including details of keynote speakers and registration information can be found at:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/heti-news-and-initiatives/events/2019-heti-prevocational-conference>

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HETI Accreditation

HETI is accredited by the Australian Medical Council and approved by the Medical Board of Australia as the intern training accreditation authority for New South Wales.

The HETI Prevocational Accreditation Program implements and monitors standards for the training and welfare of prevocational trainees in their first two postgraduate years (PGY1 and PGY2).

HETI is responsible for ensuring the health services it accredits are compliant with the NSW Prevocational Education and Training Standards. Its functions include setting standards for education and training and accreditation of health services for prevocational education and supervision.

More information can be found on the Prevocational Education and Accreditation webpage:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/prevocational-accreditation-program>

The hospital accreditation survey schedule for the first half of 2019 is below:

Lismore Base Hospital - 27 & 28 March
Broken Hill Base Hospital - 1 April
The Tweed Hospital – 2 & 3 April
Liverpool Hospital – 10 & 11 April
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital – 22 & 23 May
Fairfield Hospital - 28 May
Coffs Harbour Health Campus – 3 & 4 June 2019

Prevocational Medical Accreditation Program (PMAP)

The accreditation process has historically been paper-based, creating a large administrative burden for both hospitals and HETI. An online system to capture all of the accreditation data and automate In August 2016 HETI partnered with eHealth to develop a system to transition all prevocational accreditation activities from paper based to online, with a view to reduce the administrative burden on hospitals and Local Health Districts.

The new system known as PMAP was piloted in August 2017. Since then HETI has conducted several more pilots throughout 2017 and 2018.

All hospitals due for accreditation in 2019 have been notified of the transition of accreditation surveys to the new system.

The next stage is to transition term descriptions to PMAP. This will mean that once all hospital's terms are transferred to PMAP, all future new and revised terms will be developed and submitted online.

[Contacting the HETI Accreditation Team](#)

The team are available to answer any questions regarding accreditation.

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HETI-Accreditation@health.nsw.gov.au

[24th Australian and New Zealand Prevocational Medical Education Forum 27th - 30th October 2019](#)



This annual event brings together clinicians and educators from around Australia and New Zealand to facilitate sharing of research, educational activities and discussion of important current issues in prevocational medical education, training and accreditation.

A core component of this forum is the involvement of junior doctors in the

program and the facilitation of special interest group meetings.

Each year HETI provides sponsorship to junior doctors to attend the Forum. More details on sponsorship guidelines and applications will be published on the HETI website in May 2019 and communicated to all JMOs through the JMO Forum representatives and hospitals.

To register your interest in receiving information about the Forum please go to: <http://prevocationalforum2019.com/>

[2019 National Training Survey](#)

The medical Board of Australia will run a National Training Survey (NTS), to better understand the quality of medical education in Australia.

The Board is planning to run a survey for doctors in training in 2019 and annually thereafter. A survey for supervisors will be run in future years.

An external company will be contracted to administer the survey. The Board and AHPRA will not receive any information that identifies individuals.

More information about this can be found at:

<https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/registration/national-training-survey.aspx>.

Rural Medical Trainee Scholarship 2018/19

Applications are now open for scholarships of up to \$4,500 to rural and remotely-based medical trainees looking to access continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities. Support includes the cost of the CPD activity and travel and accommodation expenses directly incurred by attending the activity.

This scholarship aims to support equity of access to education and training for NSW Health prevocational and vocational medical trainees working in rural or remote areas

For more information on eligibility please go to:

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/Placements-Scholarships-Grants/scholarships-and-grants/heti-rural-medical-trainee-scholarship>

Applications close - 31 March 2019

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We welcome your feedback on this newsletter. Please email your comments and suggestions to:

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Thank you.



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