

# Phase 3 Committee Meeting

October Summary

- Emergency Medicine is being implemented as a core discipline.
  - This means that it will likely be integrated into the MCQ from 2020
  - There will be flow-on effects from this such as a need for supplementaries, and these are currently being worked through by faculty
  - There will be no change to teaching, just better alignment of assessment with teaching
  - If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback on this, please get in touch with your year reps or MedSoc ([president@medsoc.org.au](mailto:president@medsoc.org.au))
- Prescribing Skills Assessment (PSA) Exam
  - Being held next week (16th)
  - There is ongoing discussion about making this a barrier vs formative, and implementing supplementaries
    - A barrier may mean that it is compulsory to undertake the exam, compulsory to pass the exam but marks are not counted, or compulsory and marks contribute to the MD grade
  - Please provide feedback via the online questions at the end- this will guide whether and how the exams are implemented in the future
  - We will gather focus group feedback from your year reps- if you have any thoughts please pass them on to your rep
- Indigenous Education
  - Brett Biles is the newly appointed Indigenous Liaison Officer
  - He is currently undertaking a curriculum review and is planning on implementing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health education framework
  - The first step in this area is 'educating the educators' and workshops on cultural awareness and sensitivity are being run with members of the Senior Leadership Team, Course Convenors, and teaching staff
- Course changes (Entrustable Professional Activities)
  - The faculty recognises the issues with the current learning plans, and is moving to a new system of 'Entrustable Professional Activities'. There has already been a great deal of

research and review put into this program, and the development of EPAs will be continuous through 2020 for intended implementation in 2021.

- Year 6 Farewell party
  - This year the farewell party has been moved by faculty to the night before GradBall in an effort to allow rural students to attend. Registration is still available.
  - The event will include award announcements and the taking of the Hippocratic oath followed by a reception in the foyer with food, drinks, and a photobooth
- MedSEQ is open now and is important as an update to the 2017 survey, real significant change is made from these surveys
  - Link to the closing the loop website