

Prevocational Medical Officer (PMO) Forum

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The main function of the Prevocational Medical Officer (PMO) Forum is to provide an opportunity for representatives from each of the teaching hospitals across the state to meet, identify and discuss common issues facing them as a group and recommend improvements to prevocational doctor training and discuss ways to escalate or report issues to better their prevocational training through the year.

In particular, the PMO Forum provides important advocacy and representation for prevocational doctors, or interns and RMOs who have not entered a training program. Prevocational training is an important stage of prevocational medical training, and the PMO Forum is one-way PMOs can have an impact on how this training is delivered at hospital and state level.

Meetings

Meetings are held five times a year and allow representatives to discuss common issues affecting them at their hospital including workplace, education, training and welfare issues. Guest speakers may also present topics of interest to the PMO Forum.

Advocacy

Issues that arise at meetings may be taken further by the PMO Forum. This might involve a letter or a request for a meeting with the relevant organisation (eg. a hospital, Local Health Network (LHN), South Australian Education and Training (SA MET) Unit, or Department of Health representative). It is an important part of the advocacy of the PMO Forum to follow up and ensure appropriate solutions are worked towards.

National PMO Committee

Each State and Territory in Australia has its own PMO Forum and the Chairs of each PMO Forum (including SA) sit on a national committee (the Australian Junior Medical Officers Committee, APMOC).

Medical Education & Training Forum

Each year, a major national medical education conference takes place, focussing on prevocational training (internship and early prevocational doctor training). The PMO Forum encourages attendance, and supports the chair of the committee to attend by coordinating sponsorship of attendance from hospitals, SA MET and the Department of Health. In addition, the PMO Forum hopes to present projects at the conference and will be looking for PMOs interested in participating as project leads and presenters.

Responding to Concerns

SA MET encourages all prevocational doctors to share any concerns arising at their Local Health Network using this anonymous form (found on the [SA MET Website](#)). If you would like a follow-up, you can choose to provide your email or phone number.