

MEDICAL SCHOOLS OUTCOMES DATABASE PROJECT

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED

The Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools (CDAMS) is the peak representative body for the Australian Medical Deans. CDAMS is running a project funded by the Department of Health and Ageing (DHA), officially titled the Medical Schools Outcomes Database Project, to establish a national data collection process and database for information on medical students. This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at your University.

THE AIMS

In this pilot stage of the project, a questionnaire for commencing medical students will be trialled at four Medical Schools to test the collection of information and the design of a database. The final questionnaire will be distributed at all Medical Schools later in 2005. The national database will be used to generate annual reports for universities, CDAMS and DHA, and to evaluate and improve the quality of undergraduate and graduate entry medical education as the foundation of the future medical workforce.

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This questionnaire seeks information which is not generally available from other sources such as student records.

Some questions ask you to put a code into a grid. Please read the accompanying Coding Sheet carefully for the appropriate code.

The Medical Schools distribute this questionnaire on behalf of CDAMS.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Your responses to this questionnaire are confidential. The questionnaire and the resultant reports are designed to ensure that you cannot be personally identified. Please do not provide any other personal information.

Do not write your name on this questionnaire.

We thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

2005 COMMENCING MEDICAL STUDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE (PILOT)

A SURVEY OF MEDICAL STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED A MEDICAL PROGRAM IN 2005

FOR INFORMATION

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Statement of Consent

I agree (or) do not agree

- that I have read and understood the information about this project;
- that I have had any questions answered to my satisfaction;
- that I understand that if I have any additional questions I can contact the research team;
- that I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time, without comment or penalty;
- that I understand I can contact the research team if I have any questions about the project, or the Research Ethics staff at my University, if I have concerns about the ethical conduct of the project and
- to participate in the project.

Your Student University ID:

2005

9. Language:
Do you speak a language other than English at your permanent home address?

- No Yes
(If Yes, please specify language by completing the grid below, using Table B on the enclosed coding sheet.)

LANGUAGE CODE TABLE B		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

10. Rural / Urban background:

10.1 Over the last twelve years, how many years has your principal home address **in Australia** been outside of a capital city or outside one of the major urban centres: Gosford-Wyong, Newcastle, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Blue Mountains, Geelong, Gold Coast-Tweed Heads and Townsville-Thuringowa

NUMBER OF YEARS		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

10.2 Please indicate the type of location you have lived in the longest **within Australia**:

- Capital city or major urban centre (> 100,000)
 Regional city or large town (25,000 - 100,000)
 Smaller town (10,000 - 24,999)
 Small rural community (< 10,000)

10. Rural / Urban background (continued):

10.3 Number of years of secondary schooling **in Australia** outside of a capital city or outside one of the major urban centres: Gosford-Wyong, Newcastle, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Blue Mountains, Geelong, Gold Coast-Tweed Heads, and Townsville-Thuringowa.

NUMBER OF YEARS		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

10.4 What was the name and postcode of your Secondary School for your final year at school, **in Australia**?
Eg. Townsville Grammar, 4810.

Name of Secondary School:

POSTCODE		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

10.5 Do you consider yourself to come from a rural background?

- Yes No

11. Previous tertiary education:

Please list the details in the table below if you have completed a University degree(s).

Name of completed degree(s)	Year of completion	Name of University
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Family Details

12. Your marital status:

- Single
- Married / Living with partner

Occupation of partner:

- Divorced / Separated
- Widowed

13. Dependants:

13.1 Number of children under 16 years of age

No of children		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

13. Dependants (continued):

13.2 Number of other dependants for whose care you are financially contributing

Other dependants		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

14. Source(s) of income support:

(Please select as many responses as necessary)

- Government assistance (eg. Youth Allowance, Austudy / Abstudy)
 - Supported by parents
 - Currently employed on a part-time basis
 - Scholarship
 - Financially independent
 - Other (please specify) -----
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Future Medical Practise

15. Preferred location of future medical practice:

On completion of your basic medical degree, where would you most like to practise medicine?

15.1 Please indicate in which State / Territory, or country other than Australia:

- NSW
- VIC
- QLD
- SA
- WA
- TAS
- NT
- ACT
- Country other than Australia (Please specify country by completing the grid below, using Table A on the enclosed coding sheet.)

COUNTRY CODE TABLE A		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

15.2 Please indicate in which geographical location within Australia:

- Capital city
- Major urban centre: ie. Gosford-Wyong, Newcastle, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Blue Mountains, Geelong, Gold Coast-Tweet Heads, and Townsville-Thuringowa (>100,000)
- Regional city or large town in Australia (25,000 - 100,000)
- Smaller town in Australia (10,000 - 24,999)
- Small rural community in Australia (<10,000)

16. Preferred type of future medical practice:

16.1 When you have completed your basic medical degree, what area of medicine are you most interested in pursuing? (Please select one response only)

- Adult Medicine
- Anaesthesia
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- General Practice
- Intensive Care Medicine
- Medical Administration (eg. managing a hospital)
- Non-specialist Hospital Practice (eg. career as a Medical Officer in a hospital)
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Occupational Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Paediatrics and Child Health
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- Public Health Medicine
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Surgery

- Other (please specify) -----
- Not yet decided

16.2 Are you interested in becoming involved in medical teaching / research as part of your medical career?

- Yes
- No