

IDENTIFICATION OF FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE MEDICAL STUDENTS' CHOICES IN PURSUING A CAREER IN GENERAL PRACTICE

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Project Description

Australia is currently experiencing a shortage of general practitioners. Thus we aim to examine whether the quantity and quality of the general practice component of the medical course, placement locations, and student demographic variables influences medical students' decisions in pursuing a career in general practice. Identifying factors that influence medical students' decisions to pursue a career in general practice, via the MSOD, would assist in modifying the medical curriculum (if needed) at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in a fashion to facilitate more students to pursue a career in general practice. Our findings could therefore address the issue of a shortage of general practitioners in the medical workforce.