

Communiqué

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Announcement of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia's Accreditation Committee

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) is pleased to announce that it has appointed four members to the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee). After an initial call for expressions of interest in early November 2012, a further call specifically targeting practitioner members for the Committee was undertaken.

At the moment there is no representation of nuclear medicine or radiation therapy on the Committee; and while there is no specific requirement that each professional stream be represented, the Board is of the view that such representation is preferable. Equally the Board prefers that there is appropriate representation of academic, educationalist and practitioner members on the Committee.

The Board in consultation with the Committee will make further appointments in the near future so that there is representation from the fields of nuclear medicine and radiation therapy. It is anticipated that at least one of these positions will be held by a practitioner member. The Committee will be able to call upon external expertise as required to assist it with its functions.

The Committee is responsible for exercising accreditation functions under the National Law. In the first instance, these functions will include developing accreditation standards for approval by the Board, assessing and monitoring programs of study against the approved accreditation standards and making decisions about accreditation of programs of study.

Although it is not an accreditation function under the National Law, the Board has asked the accreditation committee to work collaboratively with it in the development of competences for the professional streams.

Membership of the Accreditation Committee is as follows:

- Associate Professor Marilyn Baird (Chair)
- Mr Anthony Knights (Deputy Chair)
- Mrs Deborah Starkey
- Mrs Emma Woolley

Neil Hicks

Chair

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

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