

Medical Workforce Issues In Australia: “Tomorrow’s Doctors — Too Few, Too Far”

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Abstract

- The Australian medical workforce, like those of most developed countries, is increasingly “feminised” and exposed to the global market for doctors.
- Demand for healthcare services is increasing in the Australian community.
- Concern in relation to doctor shortages is increasing, particularly in rural areas.
- There should be greater flexibility for entry of highly-trained overseas doctors.
- There is an urgent need to increase medical school student intake.
- Issues of workforce practice, including “task” substitution, should be explored.

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