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OF CONSULTANT PHYSICIANS

AACP Breakfast Session

Theme

The viability and sustainability of Consultant Physicians' and Paediatricians' (CPPs) practice at a time of change in the health system.

Introduction

The AACP aims to ensure the essential role of CPPs is reinforced and maintained in the new health care milieu. The Rudd Government, together with Minister Nicola Roxon, and the Department of Health and Ageing, have initiated over 100 reviews, consultations and commissions. There has been little focus on the essential community based role of CPPs and medical specialists in ambulatory care and preventative health care. The AACP is focussing on addressing this imbalance.

Session Overview

The Australian Association of Consultant Physicians (AACP) has engaged the DoHA in continuing discussions to emphasise the important role of CPP's in ambulatory and primary health care. Many issues impinge on the vital role of CPPs in the Australian health care system.

The following reviews will be discussed:

- The National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) will deliver their findings in 2009 and make recommendations for new directions for health care in Australia.
- The National Primary Health Care Strategy will make recommendations for new allegiances within the health care community in Australia.
- National Medical Registration – how this affects you
- Telehealth – optimising patient care (discussion document available at session)

Target Audience

All consultant physicians and paediatricians interested in current issues affecting the sustainability and viability of their practice. We look forward to you attendance and a lively discussion about these issues.

Timeslot

Tuesday 7:45-8:45

Presentation Coordinators

Dr Leslie E Bolitho, President, AACP

Les Bolitho is a consultant physician who has been practising in Wangaratta, in country Victoria, since 1983. He has a strong interest in medico-political and rural workforce issues and is currently a member of the Adult Medicine Division Council of the RACP since 2005. He was a RACP Council member, then board member from 2001-2003, and 2005-2008. He has also been actively involved in a range of rural health committees to do with workforce and training.

Dr Bill Heddle, Vice-President AACP, and AMA Federal Councillor

William Heddle is a Cardiologist in Adelaide. As well as working in private practice, he is a Senior Consultant Cardiologist at Flinders Medical Centre and Senior Lecturer in Medicine at Flinders University of South Australia. Dr Heddle has been on the Executive of the Australian Medical Association (SA) for the past decade, and was AMA (SA) President from 2003 to 2005. Since 2004 he has been the Physician Craft Group representative on the AMA Federal Council; since 2003 he has been a member of the SA State Committee of RACP.

Dr Rick McLean, AACP Council member

Rick McLean is a consultant physician and nuclear medicine physician based in Wangaratta, Victoria, since 2008. From 2006 he was a Principal Medical Adviser in Medical Education and Workforce with the Department of Health and Ageing. Dr McLean has the Chair of the Australian Institute of Policy and Science, since 2003, and has been involved in the Tall Poppy Campaign for over 12 years. He was President of the Adult Medicine Division of the RACP for over three years and has also served on Committees and Boards within the RACP from 1990 to 2006.

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