**Title New general practice fellows Victoria 2016-7. A failure of workforce planning and policies?**

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**Background**

For 20 years there has been a GP workforce problem. While there is good data on AGPT registrars, data are lacking on new fellows outside AGPT pathways and overseas qualified GPs granted the ad eundum gratum (AEG) specialist GP status.

**Aims**

To identify all new FRACGPS and FACRRM in the financial year 2016-17 who were resident in Victoria.

**Method**

The names of all new RACGP Fellows in Victoria are listed in the program of the annual Victoria RACGP Awards Ceremony. ACRRM lists all new fellows in its annual report. Using this list of names details of the medical school, Year of first registration in Australia, and registration status (limited, general or specialist) were obtained from the AHPRA on line medical register.

**Results**

There were 416 new FRACGP/FACRRMs in this period (406 FRACGP and 10 FACRRM). 244 (58% were international medical graduates (IMG) and 172 were Australian Medical Graduates (AMG). 50 of the IMGs gained a FRACGP by AEG. 63% of AMG and IMG new Fellows had a practice location in Melbourne. Victorian medical schools graduated only 2 (30%) of new AMG FACRRMs and 91 (53%) of new AMG FRACGPs. All of the new FACRRM and 23% of AMG FRACGP new Fellows from Victorian medical schools are practicing in rural locations. A number of locations centred on rural clinical schools had no new AMG fellows but significant numbers of IMGs. Only 5 AEGs to be found in a rural location. In Melbourne, AMGs did not have practice locations in the Western Suburbs or the three rapidly growing regions of outer metropolitan Melbourne.

**Conclusion**

In spite of the large increase in medical student numbers in Victoria, only 20% of all new GP fellows in Victoria are Victorian medical school graduates.

**References** (If applicable)