



Frequently Asked Questions

Medical graduates and clinical internships

What is Transforming Health?

Transforming Health is about ensuring South Australians have the best quality healthcare system into the future. We need to change the way we manage our system due to changing health needs in our hospitals, complex health conditions, an ageing population and advances in technology. This process has involved input from across the health professions, including allied health professionals, to re-design the system. The overarching aim is a more streamlined healthcare system that provides better service for patients.

Who oversees the changes occurring under Transforming Health?

The Transforming Health Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group (MCAG) provides clinical leadership and guides the way Transforming Health is implemented. The Group will plan and recommend clinical models of care and guidelines through a clinician-led, quality focused process, for implementation at each hospital.

The MCAG is chaired by the Transforming Health Clinical Ambassador, Professor Dorothy Keefe and includes members from across the State in all aspects of healthcare, including doctors, nurses and midwives and scientific and allied health professionals.

There is a Transforming Health Education Experts Group that reports up to the MCAG on any concerns around the impact of Transforming Health on the education and training of our future health workforce.

What do the changes mean for medical graduates and interns?

The current changes in SA Health may have an impact on training locations. You may be required to move between healthcare services or to a different Local Health Network (LHN) for all, or part, of your training year. You will be kept up to date and informed by your LHN before any of these changes take place.

What is the timeline for implementation?

Implementation of the main changes of Transforming Health will take effect between 2015 and 2019. Beyond this, Transforming Health will be a journey of continuous improvement applied across the healthcare system.

Will Transforming Health impact job prospects?

In 2016, 250 intern positions were offered in South Australia. Five of these internships are located in Country Health SA. South Australia's intern positions were filled by 233 local medical graduates (Commonwealth funded and internationals) and 17 interstate applicants.

The number of intern positions varies slightly from year to year to match the current service needs. The number of medical graduates has increased significantly over the last ten years and in the future there may be a need to review the number of intern places, and align the number of medical graduates with intern places.

There are also many changes occurring outside of Transforming Health. For more information on these changes, visit www.samet.org.au.

Who manages the SA Health intern positions?

LHNs are responsible for managing intern positions across the public hospitals in South Australia. The LHNs are responsible for determining appropriate intern rotations within their LHN. The LHN will ensure that these settings are accredited and that they meet the intern training requirements. Accreditation ensures that interns receive high quality education, training, assessment and support.

The applications and allocation of medical students to intern positions is managed by the South Australian Medical Education and Training (SA MET) Unit on behalf of SA Health.

How will internship positions be selected in the future?

An 'Intern Appointments Expert Group' has been convened to assess how intern positions will be selected. Any decisions about changes to management of application and allocation for internship will be distributed by SA MET.

Are intern positions with a Local Health Network or a hospital?

Medical graduates are allocated to an intern position with a LHN, not a hospital. Interns may rotate between the hospitals within a LHN and in some instances may be required to rotate across LHNs. This will ensure medical interns meet the core surgical and medical requirements for general registration. Delivering the intern program in this way will bring greater diversity to the interns' training program and the clinical settings that interns have access to.

What are some of the site changes?

South

- > Improvements and upgrading of facilities at Flinders Medical Centre, including a new rehabilitation centre, with 55 rehabilitation beds, new gyms and a hydrotherapy pool and a dedicated orthogeriatric service.
- > Services from the Repatriation General Hospital will be integrated into other hospitals: a new \$15 million Veteran' Mental Health Precinct, named The Jamie Larcombe Centre will be established at Glenside Health Service Campus and Veterans' services will be integrated into metropolitan hospitals.

Central

- > The Queen Elizabeth Hospital will be upgraded to become a centre for rehabilitation, with new allied health facilities, a hydrotherapy pool and allied health professionals available seven days a week. The hospital will also become a dedicated, specialist centre for multi-day surgery, and will increase its provision of elective day surgery procedures.
- > The new Royal Adelaide Hospital will become one of the biggest and most technologically advanced hospital in Australia, with a major complex multi-trauma Emergency Department and a 24/7 stroke service, with staff and support available on-site around the clock.

North

- > Modbury Hospital will become the elective surgery centre for the north and north eastern area, carrying out around 1,800 more elective procedures including scopes a year, giving north and north-eastern residents faster access to elective surgery, with fewer delays.
- > Emergency and complex surgery will be focused to Lyell McEwin Hospital, including a comprehensive 24/7 orthopaedic trauma surgery service providing faster access to orthopaedic surgery.

Who can I contact with further questions?

- > The Transforming Health website at transforminghealth.sa.gov.au contains further information and is updated regularly.
- > If you wish to find additional information about your profession, please contact your student information officer who should be able to direct your enquiry back to SA Health.
- > If you are currently on placement, contact your placement supervisor for further information.
- > For further information on how Transforming Health will affect placements and future opportunities, email or call SA MET:
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