

Dear Doctors,

Congratulations on completion of medical school and your first appointment as a Medical Officer. In my role as Director of Prevocational Education & Training (DPET) at the Canberra Hospital, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the ACT Network.

The Canberra Hospital and the Medical Officer Support, Credentialing, Employment and Training Unit (MOSCETU) is dedicated to providing you with a strong foundation for your future medical career. We place emphasis on your medical education and training and understand the importance of expanding your medical knowledge as well as providing you with relevant clinical experience. To support you through your first two years, Prevocational Medical Education Officers (PMEOs) provide assistance and advocacy to ensure your success during this period of transition. You will meet the PMEOs during Orientation. Dr Luke Streitberg is the Deputy DPET and will also assist you with education and professional matters.

Your orientation program will run over 2 weeks commencing Monday 24th January 2022. The first week includes online live sessions, pre-recorded videos and clinical skills training. The lectures will introduce you to the Canberra Health Services and ensure you meet your Essential Education requirements. Included in this email is a detailed letter from Tracey Quade, Manager Medical Education and Simulation, regarding everything you need to know about the orientation program. On completion of the orientation program, you should be confident in navigating your way around our health system. The lectures are provided by multidisciplinary clinicians in their respective areas of expertise. You will also have the opportunity to become familiar with hospital processes and the clinical area in which you will commence your internship during a supernumerary experience.

The continuing formal education program commences on Tuesday 8th February 2022 and occurs every Tuesday from 2.30 – 4.00 pm. The formal education program is protected education time. The education program consists of lectures, workshops and simulation and has been developed over time to reflect both clinical and professional development needs. Your feedback on the lectures is essential and any suggestions for desired topics or presenters are always welcome. Many clinical units also provide education for junior medical staff – please check your term descriptions for further details.

There is also a wide range of other education meetings/sessions provided locally throughout the network. These will be publicised throughout the year - look for the information on posters and in your e-mails.

I sincerely hope you will find the enclosed material helpful and I look forward to meeting you in January.

Regards,

Dr Mike Hall
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