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Dear Dr Tonkin

Re: Consultation on the recognition of Genetic Pathology

Thank you for inviting comment from the Endocrine Society of Australia.

Endocrinology has a large number of hereditary conditions requiring genetic testing for diagnosis; as such, ESA, representing endocrinologists, supports a clear and transparent pathway to credentialling genetic pathology as a distinct specialist qualification.

ESA supports the proposed model for specialist recognition for Genetic Pathologist per the Royal College of Pathologists Australia (RCPA)

ESA acknowledges the training program outlined by RCPA is the most appropriate pathway to qualification in genetic pathology

ESA will seek, via Royal Australasian College of Physicians, to engage with RCPA to support dual training in endocrinology/genetic pathology for those endocrinologists who are interested in practising in genetic testing laboratories.

Yours sincerely,



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