Communique



June 2023 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The 63rd meeting of the Committee was held via Zoom on 8 June 2023. The Committee anticipates holding one more meeting in 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's June 2023 meeting, as well as some other activities, are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee noted the status of accreditation assessments against the 2019 standards currently underway with four education providers.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring responses from two education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers and the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (National Board) in June 2023.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

2023 routine monitoring

The Committee approved the 2023 routine monitoring (RM) report and associated templates (2023 RM package) at their October 2022 meeting. The 2023 RM package was disseminated to education providers in March 2023 and were due back in May. The packages are being evaluated by assessors in June and July and will be considered by the Committee at their October 2023 meeting.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed the upcoming review of the accreditation standards, workforce shortages and the "Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings", and their implications for the Committee.

Annual self-evaluation

Members reviewed the results of the Committee's annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for enhancement of the Committee into the future.

Workplan

The Committee's 2023-2024 indicative budget and workplan was sent to the Board in February 2023 and was approved in March. A final budget and workplan for 2023-24 will be to the Board.

Stakeholder engagement

The Committee met separately with the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy and the Medical Radiations Australia, and discussed matters of common interest, including the coronial recommendations from Coroner Simon McGregor concerning medical radiation practitioners and how education providers are managing post-pandemic impacts on students and program delivery.

The Committee will invite the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine to attend its October 2023 meeting to discuss matters of common interest.

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>; through correspondence via email, phone contact and videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Contact information

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