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Dear team

I wish to submit my support for recognition of Genetic Pathology as a specialty under APHRA.

As a clinical geneticist and paediatrician I have extensive dealings with molecular genetics laboratories in Australia and rely heavily on the expertise of the genetic pathologists to interpret genetic results in a clinical context. The breadth of clinical knowledge and scientific experience of genetic pathologists is very unlikely to be found in any other pathology specialist. What is even more important is the approach to uncertainty in genetic variation with maintenance of patient safety at all times.

I have had to work with labs which were not supervised by genetic pathologists in the past and found that mistakes were frequently made. This is a rapidly growing area where precision and maintenance of exacting standards is essential.

I strongly advocate for Genetic pathology to be recognised as a specialty within APHRA.

Thanks

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