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Dear Medical Board members,

Thanks for consulting doctors on this matter.

As a specialist in Intensive care who had extensively provided my service to regional and rural areas of Australia, I can attest that for maintaining CPD standards there is no support whatsoever that the health organisations provide. It is with private allocation of time, effort and money that many hardworking specialists in acute care are sufficing their CPD requirements. Without resorting to the specific area of the above mentioned policy that requires specific attention, I hereby request the overarching principles of this matter take into account the difficulties faced by such practitioners.

It is a sad state of affairs that health systems do not consider teaching, training or research as their priorities let alone assisting with CPD requirements of Specialists.

While the importance of CPD is well understood and in fact enhances patient safety, such is not appreciated by health organisations. It is akin to practitioners bearing the onus of responsibility to uphold standards of practice whereas health organisations who frequently fail to provide a safe clinical service environment, go off hook. There is no regulatory body to hold them responsible for the substandard service provision standards which frequently makes a practitioner work extraordinarily hard. And expecting them to fulfil CPD requirement is the equivalent of flogging a tired horse in my humble opinion.

So, I request that this policy takes into account the difficulties encountered and provides a leeway for such practitioners in rural and regional centres, especially in acute care specialties such as Intensive care.

I hope you see the merit in my point of view.

Regards

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