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Dear Sir/Madam

Please take the time to read the comments at <https://www.ausdoc.com.au/news/doctors-face-new-cpd-requirements-remain-registered> if you are truly interested in feedback from those who will be affected by these proposals.

Continuing professional development is nothing new. Doctors do that every single working hour through constant appraisal of their practice. If you want to be sure that doctors are keeping up to date (because you can't trust them to do it without a formal requirement to do so) then do it effectively. The motherhood activities you are proposing are meaningless. A more effective and productive approach would be something like 'the A to Z of refresher modules'. This would be a series of programs written by medical clinicians for GPs. These modules would be concise and practical and provide all the basics GPs need to hone/increase their skills in that area. These modules would not be weighed down by waffling pre-ambles and more motherhood statements/activities.. There could be a core of modules that all GPs had to complete (eg, 'Advances in the treatment of: hypertension, heart failure, asthma, COAD, emergency medicine...') and then a number of elective modules that GPs can choose. The presentation can either be video format or reading material followed by a series of questions. I realise there is the risk that this approach might put some of the bureaucrats who are driving us crazy out of work and replace them with clinicians who have something tangible to offer – what a refreshing change that would be. I envisage a revolving door of refresher modules where GPs can enter at any point. These modules would be constantly updated and produced by medical experts in each field. What could be simpler and more effective?

I understand bureaucrats balk at simplicity – after all it gives them nothing much left to do, but believe me, you will have doctors clamouring for these modules if they are practical and concise and relevant to their everyday clinical encounters.

I hope you will consider my suggestion.

Regards
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