

# ANZCA Indigenous prevocational doctor advice service

ANZCA attends Indigenous doctors' conferences both in Australia and New Zealand annually. At these conferences, medical students and junior doctors are introduced to the various specialist medical colleges. Those particularly interested in anaesthesia and pain medicine often want more specific information around these specialities as a career and the systems in place for trainees in specific states, countries and hospitals.

As Indigenous doctors consider a possible career in anaesthesia or pain medicine, it is advantageous for them to gain an understanding of what to expect of the training program and advice and support around obtaining a place in the training program.

To help facilitate this, the ANZCA Indigenous Health Committee is developing a list of ANZCA fellows and trainees that are willing to be contacted by prospective Indigenous trainees that seek support or advice about a career in anaesthesia or pain medicine.

This initiative is not a formal mentorship program, but rather a way of connecting prospective Indigenous ANZCA or FPM trainees with an ANZCA or FPM fellow or current trainee. The amount and type of support offered by the fellow or trainee may vary and could include:

- A one-off email or phone call to answer specific questions about anaesthesia or pain medicine as a career.
- Preparation in applying for an ANZCA or FPM training position.
- Continuous communication and guidance in their medical career.
- Providing links to people and/or resources.

If you are willing to have your contact details passed on to an Indigenous medical student or junior doctor interested in a career in anaesthesia or pain medicine please email [Indigenoushealth@anzca.edu.au](mailto:Indigenoushealth@anzca.edu.au) with the following personal details:

Name

Last name

ANZCA ID

Current hospital

State/City

Phone number

Email address