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Communiqué

Conjoint Committee of Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine

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Welcome

Welcome to the second Conjoint Committee of Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine (CCPHRM) Communiqué. The communiqué will highlight some of the outcomes from the CCPHRM meeting held 21 July 2021, as well as ongoing projects of the CCPHRM.

The CCPHRM reports to the ACEM Board. The main objective of the Conjoint Committee is to oversee the DipPHRM Training Program, accreditation of training site, and the continuing professional development requirements for doctors interested in and working in PHRM in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. It is currently chaired by FACEM Dr Mark Elcock PSM.

Contact

Please email the ACEM PHRM team (PHRM@acem.org.au) should you have a question for CCPHRM.

Meeting held 21 July 2021

CCPHRM Chair Dr Mark Elcock welcomed members and acknowledged the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was hosted. He also acknowledged Māori as tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand. DipPHRM Training Report

DipPHRM Accreditation Standards

Following months of work by the DipPHRM Accreditation Subcommittee, the CCHRM considered several revisions and additions to the DipPHRM Accreditation Standards. The proposed additions aim to provide further clarity to the definitions of key terms within the document, such as pre-hospital, retrieval, modified primary, buddy shift and critical acuity. These additions were then approved by the ACEM Board at their meeting held 9 August 2021 and will now be incorporated into a revised version of the DipPHRM Accreditation Standards to be released in October 2021. DipPHRM Enrolment Dates

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Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience

Following a proposal by the PHRM Continuing Professional Development (CPD)/Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Recognition of Prior Experience (RPE) Expert Reference Group, the CCPHRM considered a timeline associated with RPL and RPE applications.

Based on advice received by the Expert Reference Group, the CCPHRM agreed, that given the numbers of anticipated applicants for both pathways, additional OSPEs will be required in 2023 to accommodate those who will be eligible to sit the examinations. Given the significant demands on the DipPHRM Examination Working Groups and Court of Examiners responsible for instituting additional OSPEs, and the time-limited nature of RPL applications, it was agreed that a timeline, outlined below, be implemented to enable eligible candidates to apply for RPL in 2022.

Applications open	Applications close	Outcome and notification	Written examination*	OSPE*
1 February 2022	31 March 2022	June 2022	7 October 2022	March 2023

*for those eligible

The ERG will consider a timeline for RPE applications over the coming months.

DipPHRM Examination Working Groups

Applications for the DipPHRM Examination Working Groups have reopened and suitably experienced PHRM practitioners are encouraged to [apply](#).

The DipPHRM Examination Working Groups are responsible for generating and reviewing questions for the DipPHRM Written Examination and developing scenarios for the DipPHRM Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE). The DipPHRM Court of Examiners are responsible for marking and standard-setting the DipPHRM Written Examination and examining the DipPHRM OSPE.

Applicants will receive an outcome within six weeks of submitting their application.