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Primary Supports the RACGP Pilot in Helping Doctors Re-entry to Practice

Over recent years Primary Health Care (Primary) has continued to develop a supportive working relationship with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), centred on a common interest in supporting General Practitioners (GPs) to improve skills and gain fellowship.

The Re-entry to Practice Pilot Program has been designed to offer clinical and educational mentoring to GPs who have been out of practice for an extended period. Under the pilot GPs will be supported to update and improve confidence on a range of clinical changes that have occurred whilst they have been away from general practice. The need for a supportive practice is vital to the success of the program. Whilst a number of GPs may return to a previous practice, the availability of a suitable encouraging environment for others is not always forthcoming.

Primary is delighted to announce it will join with other practices in supporting the RACGP Re-entry to Practice Pilot Program. Primary will offer short and longer-term engagements depending upon the needs of the practitioner.

Primary will manage its participation in the pilot program through the Primary Health Care Institute (PHCI). Mark Priddle, Head of the PHCI, said: "We are delighted to work with the RACGP and do all we can to help GPs to return to the general practice workforce".

"The PHCI is ideally placed to support the Re-entry to Practice Pilot Program as we have a large range of practice locations with a dedicated group of supervisors who can work with the RACGP and return to work GP's to deliver customised educational programs that meet individual needs."

The program is currently in a pilot phase with results to be evaluated by the RACGP over the coming twelve months.

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