

# Terms of Reference

## AMACDT Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Advisory Committees (ACs)

### Objectives

This document outlines the Terms of Reference (TOR), overarching aims and membership of the various Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) established within the AMA Council of Doctors in Training (AMACDT).

### SIG Roles

The role of the AMA Council of Doctors in Training (AMACDT) SIGs is to provide an avenue for wider member engagement by allowing any AMA doctor in training (DiT) member the opportunity to contribute to AMACDT advocacy and policy development at a Federal level. Each SIG will allow DiTs to contribute according to their personal areas of advocacy interest, and are designed to allow DiTs the flexibility to contribute with regards to their other professional and/or personal commitments.

The current SIGs are:

- Industrial SIG (I-SIG)
- Wellbeing SIG (W-SIG)
- Prevocational SIG (P-SIG)
- Global Health SIG (GH-SIG)

Each SIG will, within their scope of interest:

1. Operationalise specific projects identified in the AMACDT Strategic/Operational Plan.
2. Provide advice on emerging issues and make recommendations to AMACDT on potential policy development and advocacy initiatives. This includes the development of position statements and input into submissions as required in consultation with the AMACDT Policy Advisory Committee (C-PAC).
3. Provide a forum for sharing information and collaboration.
4. Communicate and promote AMACDT advocacy to the broader DiT membership working with the CDT Communication and Engagement Team (CET).

### Specific Aims and Goals

Industrial SIG (I-SIG) will work to facilitate:

1. Employment arrangements that deliver safe, fair and equitable work and training environments for doctors in training at all stages of their career, in collaboration with State and Territory AMAs.

Wellbeing SIG (W-SIG) will work to promote:

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1. The health and wellbeing of doctors in training, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
2. Research into doctors in training health and wellbeing.

Prevocational (P-SIG) will work to ensure:

1. The high quality of Australian medical education and training is supported.
2. Robust accreditation processes exist for prevocational and vocational medical education.
3. Trainees have timely access to a sufficient depth and breadth of teaching and training experiences over the course of their training to allow them to develop the skills necessary for safe and independent medical practice.
4. There is optimal integration between all stages of medical training.
5. Selection and/or allocation mechanisms for prevocational positions and vocational training programs are fair and transparent.

Global Health SIG (GH-SIG) will work to:

1. Provide opportunities for doctors in training to engage in global health policy and advocacy.
2. Promote a portal of activities in global health action that encourages involvement from doctors in training.
3. Establish a model of support for doctors in training to create their own projects in global health.
4. Support doctors in training to engage in global health opportunities on local, state, national, and international platforms.

## Advisory Committee (AC) Roles

The AMA Council of Doctors in Training (AMACDT) Advisory Committees aim to inform AMA advocacy and policy development. The membership for each AC is unique and is outlined below.

The different ACs are:

- AMACDT Policy Advisory Committee (C-PAC)
- AMACDT GPs in Training Advisory Committee (G-TAC)
- AMACDT Reference Committee (C-RAC)

## Aims, Goals, & Membership

AMACDT Policy Advisory Committee (C-PAC) will work to:

1. Develop and review AMA position statements and submissions pertaining to doctors in training in liaison with relevant SIGs or other AMA members/groups
2. Contribute to submissions and policies where AMACDT is asked to provide comment.

AMACDT GPs in Training Advisory Committee (G-TAC) will work to:

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1. Provide advice on advocacy, policy, and training matters relating to GP registrars.

AMACDT Reference Committee (C-RAC) will work to

1. Provide advice on AMACDT governance, strategic priorities and key stakeholder relationships as they pertain to doctors in training.
2. Provide a forum for Past AMACDT leaders to continue to contribute to Federal AMA policy and advocacy.

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