

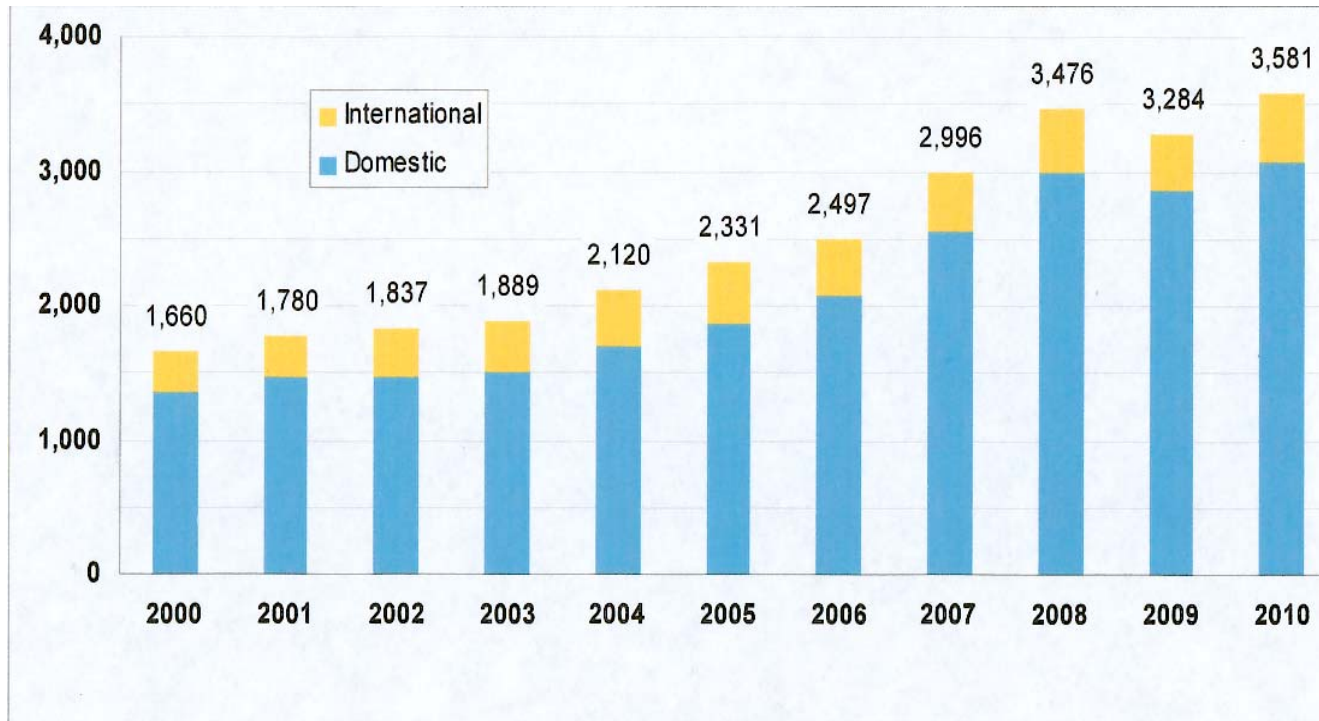


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Social Mission of Medical Schools In a Time of Expansion: Australia

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Medical school admissions, Australia, 2000-2010

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Rural Health

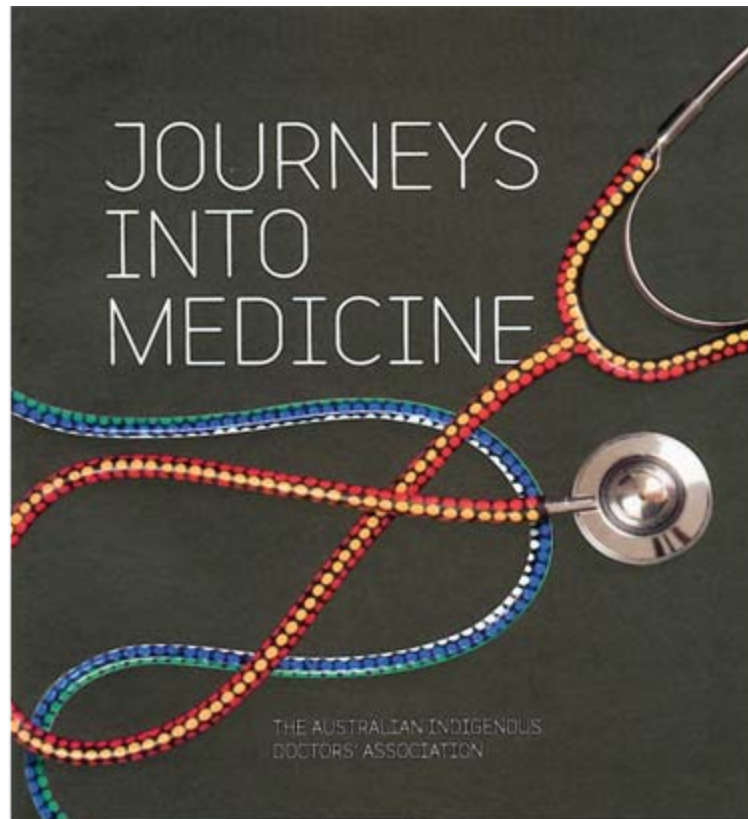
- Students increasingly gain experience in rural areas
 - rural scholarships
 - rural clinical schools
 - students eager for places
 - see Worley et al. 2004
- Interns and Registrars/Residents too
- Rural hospitals rejuvenated

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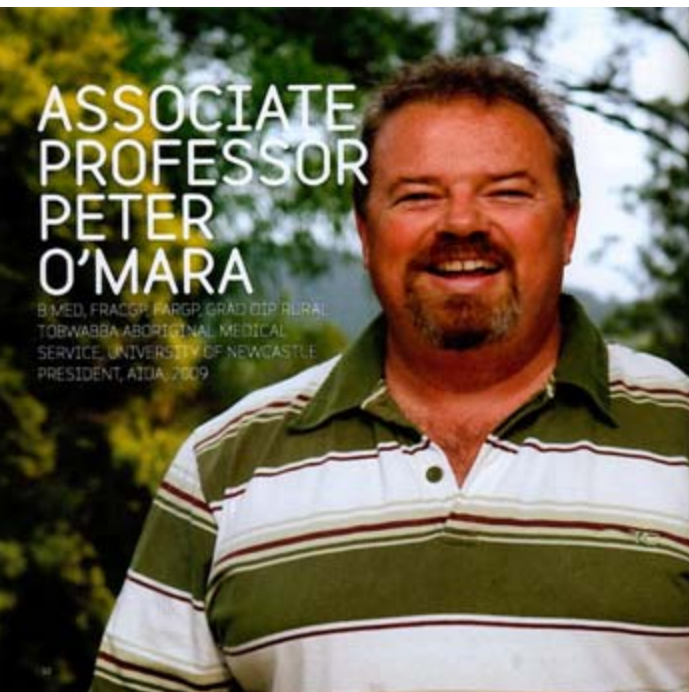
Indigenous Health

- Mandatory program in Indigenous health, society, traditions
- Successful systems to attract Indigenous students
- Further examples of personal achievement

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Peter O'Mara worked in the mines, hurt his back, saw a TV interview with an Indigenous doctor and applied for medicine at Newcastle, New South Wales. He is now Associate Professor and heads the Indigenous Education Department at Newcastle

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Marilyn Clarke studied medicine at Sydney University and after graduation spent a year in Papua New Guinea. She saw the problems of women in childbirth and determined to train in Ob/Gyn, a 6-year program. She is now a specialist in a country town and runs an antenatal clinic for Indigenous women.



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Other social missions crowd in upon medical schools:

- responsibilities to their larger communities
- the ways they select, train and examine students
- curriculum content is questioned
- awareness of the cost of health care