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Topic Summary

The Emerging Challenges of Expanding Medical Workforce Supply

Lead country: Australia

Countries are experiencing an increase in supply due to expansions in the supply of medical graduates and there are evolving issues about the short and longer term effects of more doctors. The most immediate issue is how the expansion is catered for in postgraduate training. More medium term issues can be expected to relate to affects of the expansion on health care costs, on population health, on national self-sufficiency and immigration policy, and on the potential for 'crowding out' the growth in the roles of non-medical health professionals.

This session will explore these challenges, with particular focus on postgraduate medical education.