

## FRAME Rural Clinical School (RCS) Survey 2019

Please mark your responses by placing an X in the appropriate boxes

### Q1. Your Student University ID

Q2. What is your gender? Male      Female      Other

Q3. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_ \_\_ / \_\_ \_\_ / \_\_ \_\_

### Q4. Medical School: (Please select one response only)

Australian National University	University of Newcastle
Bond University	University of New England
Deakin University	University of New South Wales
Flinders University (Flinders University Rural Health SA)	University of Notre Dame (Freemantle)
Flinders University (NT Rural Clinical School)	University of Notre Dame (Sydney)
Griffith University	University of Queensland
James Cook University	University of Sydney
Monash University (undergraduate)	University of Tasmania
Monash University (Graduate)	University of Western Australia
University of Adelaide	University of Western Sydney
University of Melbourne	University of Wollongong

### Q5. Please indicate your placement type in medical school (please select one response only)

Commonwealth Supported (HECS) Place	State Bonded Place
International Fee-paying Place	Bonded Medical Place (BMP)
Australian Fee-paying Place	
Other, please specify: _____	

### Q6. When did you first know that you had been allocated a rural clinical placement with your rural school, of at least a year's length? Please tick the most accurate answer:

When I accepted my medical school position	
In the first semester of medical school	
Before the end of the preclinical phase of medical school	
After commencing the clinical phase of medical school	

Q7. Do you consider yourself to come from a rural background? No Yes

### Q8a. Please indicate the type of location, within Australia, you have lived in the longest:

Capital city	Smaller town (10,000-24,999)
Major urban centre (>100,000)	Small rural community (<10,000)
Regional city/large town (25,000-100,000)	Remote centre/area

### Q9a. Have you lived outside a major city in Australia for EITHER a cumulative period of 10 years OR 5 years consecutively?

No Yes

Q9b. Please indicate if any of the following are true:	No	Yes
You have an immediate family member who is qualified as a medical practitioner		
You identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander		
You already have a health professional qualification		
You are first in family to attend University		
You speak a language other than English at home on a regular basis		
You and/or your parents immigrated to Australia		

### Q10. In terms of ranking, my preference to attend a RCS was:

My last choice    Low on my list    My mid-choice    High on my list    My first choice

**Q11. This year was:**

My first year at a RCS

My second consecutive year at the RCS

Other (please describe)\_\_\_\_\_

**In the following section we are interested in your plans for future medical practice**

**Q12a Recalling *upon entry to your RCS*, in which geographical location within Australia would you most like to practise on completing your training? Please rank 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred):**

Capital or Major City	
Inner regional city or large town in Australia (25,000 - 100,000)	
Smaller town in Australia - outer regional (10,000 - 24,999)	
Small rural or remote community in Australia (<10,000)	
Very remote centre/area	

**Q12b Now *upon exit from your RCS*, in which geographical location within Australia would you most like to practise on completing your training? Please rank 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred):**

Capital or Major City	
Inner regional city or large town in Australia (25,000 - 100,000)	
Smaller town in Australia - outer regional (10,000 - 24,999)	
Small rural or remote community in Australia (<10,000)	
Very remote centre/area	

**Q13. Recalling your career preferences *upon entry to your RCS*, please rank 1 (most preferred) to 4 (least preferred):**

Rural Generalism (a combination of general practice and rural hospital work)	
General Practice (rural or urban)	
Specialist with broad scope ( e.g. general surgeon, general physician, anaesthetist, ED)	
Sub-specialist/ other	

**Q14. Rank your *current career preference* now upon exit from your RCS (using the same method as in Question 13a above):**

Rural Generalism (a combination of general practice and rural hospital work)	
General Practice (rural or urban)	
Specialist with broad scope (e.g. general surgeon, general physician, anaesthetist, ED)	
Sub-specialist/ other	

**Q15. My RCS experience has increased my interest in pursuing a career in:**

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Rural Generalism					
General practice					
A medical career in regional or rural Australia (RA2-3)					
A medical career in remote and very remote Australia (RA4-5)					

**In the following section we are interested in feedback on your experiences at a Rural Clinical School / or your rural rotations**

**Q16a. Did you participate in a longitudinal integrated clerkship experience where your clinical exposure was arranged across multiple disciplines in the same week?**

No      Yes

**Q16b. What was the longest time in weeks you were based in the same primary care clinical attachment that promoted continuity of community and supervisions?**     

**Q17. I would recommend the RCS experience to other medical students**

Strongly disagree      Somewhat disagree      Neutral      Somewhat agree      Strongly agree

**Q18. Please rate your agreement with the following statements**

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
a. I felt well supported academically by my RCS					
b. I felt well supported financially by my RCS					
c. I felt academically isolated during my rural placement					
d. My RCS informed me of health and counselling services that I could access for support if needed					
e. Overall I felt well supported by my RCS					
f. Overall, my RCS placement impacted positively on my wellbeing					
g. I felt socially isolated during my RCS placement					
h. I have a rural-based clinician as a mentor					

**Q19.a Which of the following statements best described the prevailing opinion of primary care by your peers (please choose 1)**

- Primary care is most commonly seen as a fall-back position
- Neutral or equal mix of supporters and detractors
- Primary care is most commonly respected

  
  


**Q19.b Which of the following statements best described the prevailing opinion of primary care by the junior doctors and hospital clinicians (please choose 1)**

- Primary care is most commonly seen as a fall-back position
- Neutral or equal mix of supporters and detractors
- Primary care is most commonly respected

  
  


**Q19.c Which of the following statements best described the prevailing opinion of primary care by the academic staff (please choose 1)**

- Primary care is most commonly seen as a fall-back position
- Neutral or equal mix of supporters and detractors
- Primary care is most commonly respected

  
  


**Q19.d Which of the following statements best described the prevailing opinion of primary care by the medical school deans and leaders (please choose 1)**

- Primary care is most commonly seen as a fall-back position
- Neutral or equal mix of supporters and detractors
- Primary care is most commonly respected

**Q20. In the past year, my medical school has provided me with the following opportunities with a view to enhancing my well-being.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Mindfulness course					
b. Other formal wellbeing/resilience training					
c. Structured support activities					
d. Informal/optional wellbeing activities					
e. Active role modelling of self-care					

f. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**In this section we are interested in your opinion on these specific areas of interest**

**Q21. Please respond to the following statements concerning rural practice**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Rural practice is too hard					
b. I have necessary skills to practise in a rural setting					
c. I get a sinking (anxious) feeling when I think of working in rural setting					
d. I have a strong positive feeling when I think of working in a rural setting					
e. People tell me I should work in a rural setting.					
f. I see people like me taking up rural clinical practice					

**Q22. Please indicate your level of agreement about your time in rural/remote placements**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. The majority of my rural/remote placement time was spent in rural areas (RA 2 or RA 3)					
b. The majority of my rural/remote placement time was spent in remote areas (RA 4 town <10,000 people or RA 5<).					

**Q23 Describe how the following factors currently motive your choice toward your preferred location of practice (stated in 12b)**

	Very negatively	Negatively	No effect or neutral	Positively	Very positively
a. Underemployment of some specialists disciplines in Australia					
b. The Rural Health Commissioner					
c. Rural Generalist Training opportunities in this state					
d. Climate change					
e. Motor vehicle traffic congestion in the cities					
f. Acts of terrorism in Australian cities					
g. Increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters					
h. Medical workforce shortages in rural areas.					
i. The Medicare Freeze effect on doctors' incomes					
j. Poorer health status of rural people					
k. Reported bullying and sexual harassment of trainees in tertiary hospitals					
l. Royal Flying Doctors Service of Australia					
m. Dr Richard Harris, Australian of the Year, Doctor, Diver, Rescuer					

**Q24. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following questions:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
a. During my placement I received formal tuition regarding career options for rural medical practice					
b. During my placement I received informal information regarding career options for rural medical practice					
c. During my placement I had the opportunity to work with junior doctors undertaking training for rural practice					
d. I wish I had received more information about rural career training opportunities this year					

**Q25a. Were you a member of your University's student rural health club during the preclinical years of the course? No Yes**

**Q25b. If yes, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
a. My rural health club activities helped me to have positive and realistic expectations of a rural placement					
b. My rural health club activities increased my intentions of practicing in a rural area compared to my intention when entering medical school					

**Q26a** During my rural placement I was provided with learning experiences that promoted cultural understanding/an understanding of cultural issues in rural medicine:

Never                  Rarely                  Sometimes                  Often                  Frequently

**Q26b** I think that the medical curriculum at my RCS promotes an understanding of, and commitment to, improving the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Strongly disagree                  Somewhat disagree                  Neutral                  Somewhat agree                  Strongly agree

**Q27. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
a. Overall, my rural clinical school experience has prepared me sufficiently to undertake the roles and responsibilities of a junior doctor					

**Q28. Following your rural clinical school experience, how ready do you feel to work at intern level for the following tasks (1 = extremely unprepared, 10 = extremely ready)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. Perform a focused physical examination										
b. Keep accurate and relevant medical records										
c. Prescribe medications safely										
d. Break bad news to patients and family members										
e. Provide basic nutritional care										
f. Provide care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders										
g. Perform spirometry										
h. Recognise the deteriorating patient										
i. Cope with uncertainty in the clinical context										
j. Report and deal with errors and safety incidents										
k. Respond to bullying in the workplace										
l. Raise concerns about a colleague										
m. Manage your own health, including stress										
n. Manage your time and workload effectively										

**Q29. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements concerning your rural clinical school experience:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
a. I had to take responsibility and be accountable for patient care					
b. I had the opportunity for unsupervised but supported clinical practice					
c. I had exposure to a wide range of patients of different age, health status and education level					
d. I learned about the complexity of the health care system and could help patients navigate it					
e. I was aware of my own limitations					
f. I felt comfortable asking for help when needed					
g. I felt like a valued member of the team					