

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC

"National Audit of Internship Acceptances for the 2011 clinical year"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR INTERN COMPUTER MATCH CANDIDATES

Dear Applicant

The Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) is writing to advise you of a recently agreed national process called "*The National Audit of Internship Acceptances for the Clinical Year 2011.*" This process has been developed by a national Working Party auspiced by the Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils (CPMEC) including representatives from all states and territories, AMSA and AMA DiTs. The working party was established to develop a process to enable the sharing of information related to the multiple acceptance of intern offers across jurisdictions and will be run as a pilot during 2010. All state and territories have agreed to participate in this pilot.

The pilot will enable the sharing of information regarding applicants who have accepted intern positions in each state and territory. Specified information will be sent to an independent Central Administrator, based in New South Wales, to enable the identification of multiple intern acceptances. The information to be provided is: the applicant's Surname, FirstName, University at which the applicant is currently studying and their residency status. A summary report will be prepared reporting on the number of applicants having accepted internship in more than one jurisdiction. This process will provide jurisdictions with a greater understanding of the nature and extent of applicants holding multiple intern offers. Information regarding the acceptance of intern offers across jurisdictions up until 27th August 2010 will be shared.

In accordance with privacy principles, **the report will not divulge any names or state data** and only the appointed independent Central Administrator will have access to the information sent by the PMCV. All information received will be kept secure and confidential.

The national audit is expected to have the following benefits:

- Raise the awareness of applicants to the problems associated with holding multiple offers
- Enhance collaboration to support the national priority of providing Australian trained permanent resident graduates with an intern year in the light of expansion in medical graduates

Responsibility of applicants:

Applicants participating in the 2010 Victorian Intern Match have the option of "opting out" of participating in this pilot and your information will not be shared. We will report that XXX number of applicants chose not to participate in the pilot.

If you wish to OPT OUT, please email Ms Michelle Dellamarta, PMCV, by **5.00pm Thursday 8th July** 2010 indicating that do not wish to participate in the national audit pilot. You must include your full name and Match Candidate Number.

Email: mdellamarta@pmcv.com.au
Subject: opt out National Audit pilot

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Ms Carol Jordon, PMCV, tel: +61 3 94191217.