

## **HSP JMO Education**

### **Position statement**

The Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia (PMCWA) promotes and supports the training of medical staff in their prevocational years.

PMCWA Accreditation *Standard 1.4* ensures educational opportunities are facilitated by the accredited site.

*Standard 2.8* stipulates protected teaching time; mandatory for PGY1 and encouraged to be compulsory for PGY2+ is provided.

*Standard 3.2* requires bedside teaching and informal teaching to be provided.

The disruption to the usual programs for Clinical teaching subsequent to the COVID-19 pandemic physical distancing requirements has resulted in many face-to-face teaching sessions being replaced with online delivery.

PMCWA acknowledges the value of medical education and believe medical education should be well-rounded and supported by contemporary teaching modalities. PMCWA promotes the traditional regular face-to-face delivery of medical education as being crucially important, and as such, should be the cornerstone modality where possible. Face-to-face teaching as a model of medical education delivery has many additional benefits including the opportunity for PMEU staff to check in on junior staff, networking and peer support for junior staff and to facilitate early recognition of issues and identification of staff who may be struggling.