

Submission on the composition of the MRPBA Accreditation Committee

- a) Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of at least one educationalist, at least one medical radiation academic, at least one medical radiation practitioner and at least one allied health sciences academic to the Committee?

Agree, however it must be recognized that Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine are three distinct, yet aligned, professions. As such it would not be sufficient for a medical radiation academic or medical radiation practitioner from one of these professions to represent all three of the professions. If there are to be three MRP academics and an allied health science academic who may have a suitable educational background, the inclusion of an educationalist may not be required. Representatives from the professional bodies of each of the professions should be considered for inclusion.

- b) Do you think there should be additional sub-criteria for the selection of the above persons and if so what should they be?

As per the previous point there should be representation from each of the three medical radiation professions from both academic and practitioner categories.

- c) Do you think a Board member should be on the Accreditation Committee?

Given that the National Law makes a clear intention to separate the regulatory and accreditation functions and that there may be a conflict of interest if a Board member is also a member of the Accreditation Committee, a Board member should not be on the Accreditation Committee. Clear lines of communication should be established between the Board and the Committee.

- d) Do you think a community representative should be on the Accreditation Committee?

The priorities for the Accreditation Committee as stated in the document are to

1. develop accreditation standards, for approval by the Board
2. establish processes for the assessment of domestic programs of study
3. monitor programs of study and education providers to ensure they continue to meet accreditation standards, and
4. advise the Board on issues in education and practice which may impact on medical radiation practice and the conduct of programs of study

These require specific knowledge and expertise of academics and practitioners in the professions and as such a community representative should not be on the Accreditation Committee

- e) How many members do you think the Committee should have?

The committee should have equal numbers of MRP academic and practitioner members. At a minimum, this would mean three academic and three practitioner members. With an allied health academic and an educationalist, the committee would have a minimum size of eight members. The committee should be able to appoint further members as required to assist with workload and provide alternative members if conflicts of interest arise.