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Space is provided at the end of this survey to make additional written comments. Please write responses in boxes provided using a dark pen. Check boxes can be ticked or crossed.

A	About your current situation
1.	Are you currently doing any clinical medical work in Australia?
	Yes – If yes, please go to Section B below and complete the main survey
	No – Continue
2.	Are you permanently retired from all types of paid work?
	Yes – As you are permanently retired from all types of paid work you do not need to complete the rest of the survey. Please return this survey in the reply-paid envelope provided. Thank you for your participation.
	No – Continue
3.	Which of the following statements describe your current situation? (Tick all that apply)
	Doing medical work in Australia that is non-clinical (e.g. medico-legal, teaching, research, committee work)
	Maternity leave
	Home duties/childcare
	Enrolled as a student
	Extended leave (e.g. sick leave, long service leave)
	Working outside Australia in a clinical role
	Working outside Australia in a non-clinical, but medical role
	Working outside Australia in a non-medical role
	Doing non-medical work in Australia. Please state job title:
4.	Do you intend to return to clinical medical work in Australia?
	Yes – Please go to Section G and complete the final two sections of the survey
	Unsure – Please go to Section G and complete the final two sections of the survey
	No – As you do not intend returning to clinical work in Australia you do not need to complete the rest of the survey. Please return this survey in the reply-paid envelope provided. Thank you for your participation.
В	About your job satisfaction
5.	Please indicate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with each of the various aspects of your work as a doctor.
	Very Moderately Not Moderately Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Sure Satisfied Satisfied N/A
	Freedom to choose your own method of working 1 2 3 4 5 6
	Amount of variety in your work
	Physical working conditions 1 2 3 4 5 6
	Opportunities to use your abilities
	Vour colleagues and fellow workers

Recognition you get for good work

Amount of responsibility you are given

Taking everything into consideration, how do

Your hours of work
Your remuneration

you feel about your work?

6.	6. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.								
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A		
	The balance between my personal and professional commitments is about right	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	I have a poor support network of other doctors like me	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	It is difficult to take time off when I want to		2	3	4	•	6		
	My patients have unrealistic expectations about how I can help them $ \\$	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	The majority of my patients have complex health and social problems	ו ו	2	3	4	5	6		
	Running my practice is stressful most of the time	e	2	3	4	5	6		
	Research publications are important to my caree	er 'L	2	3	4	·	6		
	The hours I work are unpredictable	'	2	3	4	5	6		
	I often undertake tasks that somebody less qualified could do	1	2	3	4	5	6		
7. C	Would you like to change your hours of work (in No Yes, I'd like to increase my hours Yes, I'd like to decrease my hours About the places where y			after hours)?	?				
8.	Excluding on-call, for how many HOURS in you work in each of the following settings? (Include Public hospital (including psychiatric hospital). Private hospital	ALL of the s	me, hospice e	s a doctor) (I	f none, write (Actual hour Actual hour Actual hour	hrs/wk		
	TOTAL HOURS WORKED						hrs/wk		
9.	Do you work in private practice? Yes, in a public or private hospital and priv Yes, in a public or private hospital only— G No— G 0 to question 15								
10.	What is the total number of specialists who work (Include yourself if applicable) (If none, write 0)	rk in your o	current, mair	n private pra	actice?	time	Part-time		
	No. of males								
11.	How many other health workers or professional	ls are empl	loyed in your	current, ma	ain private pi	ractice? (If i	none, write 0)		
	No. of nurses								
	No. of allied health professionals								
	No. of administrative staff								
	No of other staff								

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12.	Is your current, main private practice co-located with other specialist practices?
	Yes
	² No
12	What is your hydrocs volationship with your gurrent main practice?
15.	What is your business relationship with your current main practice?
	Principal or partner
	Associate
	Salaried employee (e.g. receive fixed annual salary & benefits with tax deducted)
	Contracted employee (e.g. receive fixed payment per session or a % of billings before tax)
	Locum
	Other (please specify)
14.	When did you start working at this practice?
	Month
	Year
15.	How many hours a week do you work as a hospital locum? (If zero, write 0)
16.	What is the main hospital in which you work (i.e. spend most time)?
	Hospital name
	Postcode
17.	How long have you worked at this hospital?
	No. of years
	No. of months
10	How are you paid for this hospital work?
10.	
	Fee-for-service/bill patients directly
	Fixed payment per session or hour
	Salary—no rights to private practice
	Salary with rights to private practice
	Other, please specify
	About your workload
	Tisout your workload
19	Excluding on-call, how many HOURS in your MOST RECENT USUAL WEEK at work did you spend on the
Ι/.	following activities? (Include ALL of the work you do as a doctor in ALL jobs/workplaces) (If none, write 0)
	TOTAL HOURS WORKED PER WEEK (Should equal the TOTAL in question 8)
	Direct patient care (face-to-face, phone consultations, home visits: with or without a
	medical student present)
	Indirect patient care (medical notes, reports, phone calls, meeting patients' families) hrs/wk
	Education activities (teaching, research, continuing medical education)hrs/wk
	Management and administration hrs/wk
	Other
20.	In relation to education activities, are you involved in any of the following teaching or supervisory activities, including
	formal and informal teaching or supervision? (Tick all that apply)
	Teaching or supervising medical students
	Teaching or supervising interns and pre-vocational trainees
	Teaching registrars
	Teaching or supervising specialist registrars
	No, I am not involved in any teaching

21.	In your most recent USUAL week at work, for around HOW MANY patients did you provide care? (Include face-to-face, out-of-hours and telephone consultations in ALL SETTINGS) (If none, write 0)
	Total number of patients seen in private consulting rooms.
	Total number of public patients seen in a public hospital.
	Total number of private patients seen in a public hospital
	Total number of private patients seen in a private hospital
22.	How long does a new PRIVATE patient typically have to wait for an appointment?
	No. of days days
	No. of weeks
	Not taking new patients at present (Tick box)
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
23.	How long does a standard private consultation last?
	New patient/ Initial consultation minutes
	Subsequent consultations minutes
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
24.	Approximately what percentage of patients do you bulk bill/charge no co-payment?
	Per cent
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
25.	What is your current fee for a standard private consultation? (Include Medicare fee and patient co-payment if applicable. Please write dollar amount; write 0 if you bulk bill 100% of your patients)
	New patient/initial consultation\$
	Subsequent consultations
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
26.	Do you do any on-call yourself? (Including public holidays, weekends and weekdays outside of 8am to 6pm) Yes No—Go to question 30
27.	What are your on-call ratios for public and private sector work?
	(For example, 5 weeknights per fortnight equals 1 in 2) Public sector work Private sector work
	1 weeknight in
	1 weekend in
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
28.	In your last usual week at work, how many TIMES were you actually called out? (If none, write 0) Public sector work Private sector work
	Weeknights: times per week
	Weekend: times per weekend
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
29.	If your on-call arrangments do not fit the above descriptions, please elaborate below:
30.	Opportunities for continuing medical education and professional development are: (Tick one box)
	Very limited
	² Average
	³ Very good

31.	Turning to time spent away from work: (If none, write 0)
	How many WEEKS holiday did you take in the past year? weeks
	How many WEEKS of parental or maternity leave did you take in the past year? weeks
	Approximately how many DAYS off work due to illness did you have in the past year? days
	Approximately how many DAYS off work did you have for other reasons in the past year? days
E	About your finances
	following information will be used to examine the effect of financial issues on your work—life balance, will remain strictly confidential.
32.	What are your (approximate) TOTAL PERSONAL earnings from ALL of the work you do as a doctor? (If possible, base this on your last personal income tax return or payslip.) This should be your personal earnings rather than total practice earnings. Please write in ONE COLUMN where you have the most accurate information and can best remember.
	Annual OR Fortnightly
	Before tax (gross earnings) \$
	After tax (net earnings) \$
33.	In addition to this, did you receive any ongoing 'in kind' benefits or subsidies as part of your current job/s (e.g. car, house, school fees, salary packaging)? Yes No
34.	What is the approximate annual total value in dollars of these benefits? (If zero, write 0)
35.	What is the total level of financial debt that you currently have as a result of your medical education and training? (Give dollar amount; include HECS debt, other debt associated with training and living expenses) (If zero, write 0) \$
36.	What is the total level of financial debt that you currently have from owning your practice or premises? (If zero, write 0)
	\$
	Don't Know (Tick box)
	Not Applicable (Tick box)
37.	What is the status of your private practice for tax purposes? Sole trader
	Partnership
	Company
	Trust
	5 Don't Know
	Not Applicable
38.	In the last year, approximately what percentage of your total gross earnings from medical work did you receive from each of the following sources? (Please enter percentage figure where applicable)
	Payments from patients for services covered by Medicare (include Medicare rebate and patient co-payment)
	Payments from patients for services not covered by Medicare (e.g. insurance, certificates, private patients)
	Government incentive schemes and grants (e.g. rural incentives)%
	Hospital work (salary and other payments)%
	Other sources of medical income (specify source and %)
	TOTAL

	year? (e.g. bank interest, dividend income, rental income and profit from business interests) (If none, write 0)
40.	Do you (or your employer) regularly contribute to a superannuation scheme? Yes No—Go to question 42
41.	For how many years have you (and/or an employer on your behalf) contributed to a superannuation scheme? No. of years
42.	Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement: "Given my current financial situation and prospects, I believe I will have enough to live on when I retire". (Tick one box) Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
43.	How much (in dollars) did you pay for professional medical liability, or malpractice, insurance premiums in the last year? (If this was provided by someone else on your behalf, write 0)
44.	What is your total gross and net HOUSEHOLD income? (Include your and your partner's earnings, income from other business interests, dividends, interest etc.) The figures below should be equal to or greater than your personal earnings provided in question 32. Please write in ONE COLUMN ONLY, where you have the most accurate information or can best remember. Annual OR Fortnightly After tax (net household income) \$
F	About your geographic location In how many locations do you practise?
	Where is your main place of work?
70.	
	Town/Suburb
47.	
	How long have you been practising in or close to this geographic location? No. of years
	How long have you been practising in or close to this geographic location? No. of years No. of months

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49.	Please indicate the degree to which you agree of	_		_			
	I don't have many friends or family members in my current work location	ongly Disagree	Disagree 2	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A 6
	It is easy to pursue my hobbies and leisure interests in my current work location	1	2	3	4	5	6
	My partner does not have many friends or family members in this work location	1	2	3	4	5	6
	There are good employment opportunities for my partner in this work location	1	2	3	4	5	6
	The choice of schools for our children is adequate in this work location	1	2	3	4	5	6
50.	For how many years did you live in a rural area left secondary school? (If none, write 0)						
51.	Please indicate the main rural area where you I	ived up unti	I school lea	wing age.			
	Town						
	State						
	Not Applicable (Tick box)						
52.	Are you subject to restrictions on where you pra	ctise?					
	Yes—I am required to work in an Area of N	leed					
	Yes—I am required to work in a District of	Workforce	Shortage				
	No—Go to question 54						
53.	Please indicate the reason/s for these restriction	15.					
	I hold a Permanent Resident Visa						
	I hold a Temporary Resident Visa	four o Mandi	aal Duwal D	معامعا كمامعا		Dandad Madiaal I	Diana
	I am undertaking a return of service period Other	for a Medic	cai Rurai B	oriaea Scrioi	arship or i	Sonded Wiedical I	race
	Not Applicable						
54.	Do you travel to provide services/clinics in other	geographic	areas?				
	¹ Yes						
	² No						
G	About your family circum	stance	es —				
55.	Are you currently living with a partner or spouse	e?					
	Yes ²						
	No No						
56.	What is the employment status of your partner/s						
	Not in the labour force (e.g. caring for depe	endents, stud	aying)				
	Full-time employment						
	Part-time employment						
	Not Applicable						
57.	Is your partner/spouse also a medical doctor?						
	Yes ²						
	Not Applicable						

58.	For how many years did your partileft secondary school? (If none, wri	•		•	_		[
	Don't know (Tick box)							
	Not Applicable (Tick box)							
59.	Please indicate the main rural are until school leaving age.	a where your p	oartner/spo	use lived up				
	Town							
	State							
	Don't know (Tick box)							🔲
	Not Applicable (Tick box)							
60.	How many dependent children do	you have? (If n	one, write 0	and skip the	next two que	stions)	[
61.	What is the age in years of each d Not Applicable (Tick box) Child 1 Child 2 Child 3 Child 4 Child 5							
	Child 6						l	
	Which of the following forms of characteristics or friends Relatives or friends Nannies Childcare at work (i.e. provide of the day care (childcare cent of the Not Applicable) Please indicate the degree to which is an restricted in my employment.	ed by an employ ere, family day ch you agree on and/or	yer) care, kinder	garten etc.)			Strongly Agree	N/A
	the time and hours I work due to a available childcare		1	2	3	4	5	6
	My partner is restricted in his/her of and/or the time and hours worked of lack of available childcare		1	2	3	4	5	6
	My partner is overqualified for his/ job due to the limited availability o		1	2	3	4	5	6
H	About you							
64.	Year of birth							
65.	Gender 1 Male 2 Female							
66.	In what year did you complete you	r basic medica	I degree?.					
	In which country did you complete A medical school in Australia A medical school in the count	your basic me						

68.	In which medical school in Australia did you con	mplete your ba	sic medical degree?
	Not Applicable		² University of Newcastle
	University of Adelaide		University of Notre Dame WA
	⁵ Australian National University		University of Notre Dame Sydney
	Bond University		University of NSW
	Deakin University		University of Queensland
	Flinders University		University of Sydney
	Griffith University		University of Tasmania
	James Cook University		University of WA (undergraduate)
	University of Melbourne (undergraduate)		¹⁸ University of WA (postgraduate)
	University of Melbourne (postgraduate)		University of Western Sydney
	Monash University (undergraduate)		²² University of Wollongong
	Monash University (postgraduate)		3
	University of New England & University o	f Newcastle Jo	int Medical Program
69.		ılia, were you a	an international student (i.e. were you a citizen of a
70.	If you completed your medical degree outside o	of Australia:	
	What year did you first arrive in Australia?		
	In what year were you first registered to work as	s a doctor in A	ustralia?
	Not Applicable (Tick box)		
71.	If you did your degree at a medical school outsi Yes No Not Applicable	ide Australia, h	ave you completed the AMC Certificate examination?
72.	Do you have medical qualifications from oversea	as which are N	OT recognised in Australia?
	Yes		
	² No		
	³ Unsure		
72	Please indicate all medical qualifications that y	au haya ahtain	od in Australia
15.	riease illuicate all medical qualifications that y	Number of	eu III Australia.
		qualifications e.g. 1, 2 etc)	Name of degree (e.g. MBBS, FRACP)
	Undergraduate degree		
	Graduate entry medical degree		
	Masters degree		
	PhD		
	Postgraduate diploma/certificate		
	Fellowship of college		
	Others		

	you practise (Where you are qualified & recognised under the Health Insurance Act)	Second special
PHYSICIAN:	1	1
Cardiology		2
Clinical genetics		3
Clinical pharmacology		4
Endocrinology		
Gastroenterology and hepatology	·····	<u>'</u>
General medicine		٥
Geriatric medicine	······	′
Haematology		8
Immunology and allergy		9
Infectious diseases		10
Medical oncology		11
Neurology	12	12
Nuclear medicine	13	13
Nephrology	14	14
Rheumatology		15
Respiratory and sleep medicine		16
SURGERY:		
General surgery		17
Cardiothoracic surgery	18	18
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	19	19
Orthopaedic surgery	20	20
Otolaryngology	21	21
Paediatric surgery	22	22
Plastic surgery	23	23
Urology	24	24
Neurosurgery	25	25
Vascular surgery	26	26
OTHER SPECIALTIES:		
Addiction medicine	27	27
	28	28
Anaesthesia	29	29
Dermatology	30	30
Emergency medicine	31	31
Intensive care medicine	32	32
Medical administration	33	33
Obstetrics and gynaecology	34	34
Occupational and environmental medicine	35	35
Ophthalmology	36	36
Paediatrics and child health	37	37
Pain medicine	38	38
Palliative medicine	39	39
Pathology	40	40
Psychiatry	41	41
Public health medicine		"

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		Main specialty in which you practise (Where you are qualified & recognised under the Health Insurance Act)	Second specialty in which you practise
	Radiology	42	42 42
	Radiation oncology	43	43
	Rehabilitation medicine.	44	44
	Sexual health medicine	45	45
	Sport and exercise medicine	46	46
	OTHER SPECIALTY not specified above	47	47
	OTTEN OF EGIALIT HOUS Specified above		
75.	Since you graduated, how many years and/or months have you spent NO (Include time to bring up a family, time in non-medical jobs or study; exclude hol study leave) (If none, write 0)		
	No. of years		
	No. of months		
76	What is your residency status? (Tick one box)		
70.			
	Australian citizen		
	Permanent resident		
	Temporary resident		
77.	What type of medical registration do you have? (Please tick all that apply)		
	General registration		
	Specialist registration		
	Provisional registration		
	Limited registration		
	Non-practising registration		
78	In general, would you say your health is: (Tick one box)		
70.			
	Excellent		
	Very good		
	Good		
	L Fair		
	Poor		
79.	All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life in general? (T	Tick one box)	
	Completely Dissatisfied		Completely Satisfied
	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8	9 10
	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8	9 10

80.	 The statements below refer to the type of person you are. There is growing evidence that these characteristics are related to doctors' job satisfaction and decisions about work. The information you provide will remain strictly confidential and you will not be identifiable. 							
	Please answer each of the following qu and 7 means 'Applies to me perfectly'.	Does not apply to	g a 1 to 7 p	oint scale, w	here 1 mea	ns 'Does not	apply to n	Applies to me
	I see myself as someone who:	me at all 1	2	3	4	5	6	perfectly 7
	Does a thorough job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Is communicative, talkative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Is sometimes somewhat rude to others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Is original, comes up with new ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Worries a lot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Has a forgiving nature	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Tends to be lazy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Is outgoing, sociable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Values artistic experiences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Gets nervous easily	<u> </u>	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Does things effectively and efficiently		2	3	4	5	6	7
	Is reserved	<u> </u>	2	3	4	5	6	
	Is considerate and kind to others		2	3	4	5	6	
	Has an active imagination	'	2	3	4	5	6	
	Is relaxed, handles stress well	'	2	3	4		•	′
81.	Please answer each of the following qu and 7 means 'Strongly agree'.	estions usin	g a 1 to 7 p	oint scale, w	here 1 mea	ns 'Strongly	disagree'	
	St	rongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
	I have little control over the things that happen to me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	There is really no way I can solve some of the problems I have	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	There is little I can do to change many of the important things in my life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	I often feel helpless in dealing with the problems of life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Sometimes I feel that I'm being pushed around in life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	What happens to me in the future mostly depends on me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	I can do just about anything I really set my mind on doing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
82.	This question asks about everyday risk-	taking in re	lation to dif	ferent types	of activities	S.		
	How likely are you to engage in each o	f the followi	ng activitie	s (with a sco	re of 1 beir	ng 'very unlil	kely'	
	and 5 being 'very likely')?			Very unlikely				Very likely
				1	2	3	4	5
	Financial risks (e.g. investments with an							
	Career and professional risks (e.g. public your professional colleagues)			1	2	3	4	5
	Clinical risks (e.g. recommending a treato your usual practice or is controversia		is new	1	2	3	4	5

						If 'YES', I 0 to 3	please indicate 4 to 6	how long ago it 7 to 9	happened. 10 to 12
				No	Yes			months ago	
	Serious personal i								
	Serious personal i close relative or fa		a	1	2	1	2	3	4
	Death of spouse o	r child		1	2	1	2	3	4
	Death of other clo (e.g. parent or sib		ily member	1	2	11	2	3	4
	Death of a close f			1	2	1	2	3	4
	Victim of physical	violence (e.g. ass	ault)	1	2	1	2	3	4
	Victim of a proper (e.g. theft, houseb			1	2	1	2	3	4
	Named as defenda	nt in a medical ne	gligence claim	1	2	1	2	3	4
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