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Dear <**merge persontitle surname>,**

**MABEL 2018**

**Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life**

I am inviting you to participate in a landmark national longitudinal survey of doctors (MABEL), which is conducted by the University of Melbourne and Monash University. The aim of MABEL is to identify the issues that matter most to doctors, thereby providing an evidence base to inform medical workforce policy. In particular- achieving the right balance between work life and life outside medicine is crucial. Managing these pressures, whilst maintaining the quality of the care you provide, your motivation and your work satisfaction, is critical for you, your patients and the future of medical practice.

Almost 10,000 doctors participated in each of the first ten waves of the survey (from 2008 to 2017). We are now offering you the opportunity to join Wave 11 (2018). I hope you will consider participating as the views and experiences of doctors such as you are vital to the success of the survey. Results and publications to date are available at: [www.mabel.org.au](http://www.mabel.org.au) .

MABEL has been endorsed by 38 medical colleges and organisations (listed overleaf). A Policy Reference Group provides advice to ensure that the survey is relevant, as well as assisting with the implementation of results to ensure they make a difference. An information sheet about MABEL is also enclosed.

There are two ways to complete the survey:

1. Fill out the enclosed hardcopy survey and return it to the Melbourne Institute in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope, OR
2. Complete the survey online by logging in through our secure website [www.mabel.org.au](http://www.mabel.org.au) using the username and password below, **selecting** the survey relevant to your doctor status and following the simple instructions.

**Username:** <merge username> **Password:** <merge password>

 Note that if you have recently changed your professional status (e.g. you are no longer in training but are now a specialist) and we have sent you the wrong version of the questionnaire, you can **select** the correct survey to do when you login.

If we sent you the incorrect survey type and you wish to do a paper version of the survey, please fax back the enclosed form and we will post the correct questionnaire to you, or contact our survey manager Anne Leahy by email (enquiries@mabel.org.au) or phone (03 8344 2600), **quoting your username id**. If you have any other queries please feel free to contact our survey manager.

I sincerely hope you will participate in this major study by completing the MABEL survey. The research team looks forward to receiving your response. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Anthony Scott

Lead Investigator, MABEL survey

**Endorsements**

MABEL has been endorsed by the following organisations and professional bodies.

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

Royal Australasian College of Physicians

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists [Added after W11 first MO. Remove this comment in W12]

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

Australasian College of Dermatologists

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Australasian College of Sports Physicians

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand

Australian Society of Anaesthetists

Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society

Australia and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine Inc

Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons

Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology

Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine

Internal Medicine Society of Australia and New Zealand

Australasian Society of Career Medical Officers

Australian Rheumatology Association

Australian Orthopaedic Association

Medical Oncology Group of Australia Incorporated

Rural Doctors Association of Australia

Rural Health Workforce Australia

Australian Health Care and Hospitals Association

Australian Private Hospitals Association

Australian Medical Council Limited

Australian General Practice Network

General Practice Registrars Australia

Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils

Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria

South Australian Institute of Medical Education and Training

Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Queensland

Postgraduate Medical Institute of Tasmania

Postgraduate Medical Institute of Western Australia

Health Education & Training Institute NSW