

Ms Melinda Miller
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Via email to: secretariat@anzsom.org.au

cc: Dr Sarah Moss, NSW Chairperson by email info@ohsmed.com.au

Dear Ms Miller,

Model Scopes of Clinical Practice Project – Consultation on Tranche 5 of Model Scopes of Clinical Practice

Further to my letter of 24th November 2016 the State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit (SSoCPU) continues to progress the project to develop model Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCP) for each medical and dental specialty in NSW Health, and we are pleased to release for consultation the fifth tranche of draft model SoCPs, which includes:

1. Geriatric Medicine
2. Immunology (Immunopathology)
3. Immunology and Allergy
4. Obstetric & Gynaecological Ultrasound
5. Occupational and Environmental Medicine
6. Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
7. Palliative Medicine

These draft documents and more information about working group membership are available on our website at www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/ssocpu. The draft model SoCPs have been developed with working groups, usually of about seven members, with broad representation of specialists nominated by Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks including rural or regional areas and a Director of Medical Services, as well as nominees from medical colleges and relevant specialty societies or associations.

Whilst the Society is welcome to comment on any of the draft model SoCPs, we would specifically appreciate your feedback on the following aspects for the draft model SoCP for **Occupational & Environmental Medicine** (attached):

- **Core:** Is the Core SoCP a reasonable description of the type of work that can reasonably be expected to be undertaken by all practitioners in the specialty? If not, what do you suggest?
- **Specific:** Does the Specific SoCP appropriately reflect procedures or practices which require specific credentialing for safe and effective performance, but which are within the practice of the relevant specialty? If not, what do you suggest?
- **Useability:** Do you expect the Core and Specific descriptions to be useful in a medical appointments and credentialing process? If not, what do you suggest?
- **Potential Implications:** Are there any foreseeable adverse implications which may arise from the description of the Core and Specific section of each model SoCP, for example, for workforce or operational matters? If so, please outline your concerns.

Please note that we are not seeking feedback on any other elements of the template, as the final content for the remainder of the template may need to be adjusted to be consistent with the Ministry of Health's credentialing policy which is currently under review.

Please distribute this to relevant clinicians, managers and others within your organisation. Attachment 1 provides a preamble and explanatory notes which should be circulated with the draft document. If any responders are not yet familiar with the Model SoCP Project, more information is available on our webpage at www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/ssocpu. This includes links to the consultation documents, *SSoCPU Discussion Paper* (April 2015) and *Phase 2 Consultation Report and Recommendations* (October 2015).

Please respond by **Tuesday, 14 November 2017**. We are happy to consider reasonable requests for extension of time, but will take a nil response by the due date as being supportive. Feedback can be directed to:

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Yours sincerely,



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