

MEDIA RELEASE

Future doctors descend on Canberra

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) RACGP National Leadership Development Seminar (NLDS) will begin today at Parliament House, Canberra.

Eighty medical students from around the country have been carefully selected to partake in the three-day seminar, which is a unique experience for students to gain skills and knowledge in the areas of health and leadership.

President Tiffany Fulde explained, "Every doctor is a leader, not simply in hospitals or practices but also in the wider community where doctors play an integral role in the fields of research, politics and advocacy."

Today, Health Minister Nicola Roxon, followed by a panel of experts in health reform, will provide students with insight into the current and future issues facing healthcare in Australia.

In particular, leaders in rural health will discuss both problems and potential solutions to the current workforce shortages in remote areas.

The program aims to inspire and motivate medical students to rise to the challenge of medical leadership, and to ensure the quality of tomorrow's doctors.

Today's program at Parliament House includes:

10:25am "The scope of new medical leaders in Australia"- Professor Jim Bishop, Chief Medical Officer

10:55am Ministerial Welcome- The Hon. Minister Nicola Roxon MP, Minister for Health and Ageing

12:00pm Expert Panel: "Health Reform in Australia"

1:30pm Keynote Address- The Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing

3:30pm Expert Panel: "Addressing rural and remote health in Australia today"

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