

Medical Practitioner Registrant Data: March 2014

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- approve accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board publishes these statistics regularly.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory

Medical Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	676	10,457	444	6,466	2,300	619	7,627	3,019	653	32,261
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	9	-	7	5	-	7	5	-	33
General & Specialist*	887	15,823	364	8,680	3,890	1,072	12,397	4,161	541	47,815
Specialist*	146	1,717	107	1,929	514	208	1,524	1,138	339	7,622
Provisional	99	1,108	59	852	307	85	925	363	8	3,806
Limited	113	1,349	88	668	407	114	1,053	711	9	4,512
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	88	1,195	7	360	309	52	694	158	8	2,871
Area of Need	24	140	80	301	94	62	355	545	1	1,602
Public Interest	1	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	8
Teaching or Research	-	12	-	4	3	-	4	8	-	31
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	19	-	126	-	1	-	247	6	399
Non-Practising	38	670	5	230	124	50	491	181	707	2,496
Total Practitioners	1,959	31,152	1,067	18,958	7,547	2,149	24,024	9,825	2,263	98,944

* Total practitioners with specialist registration 55,437

Table 1: Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory

Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

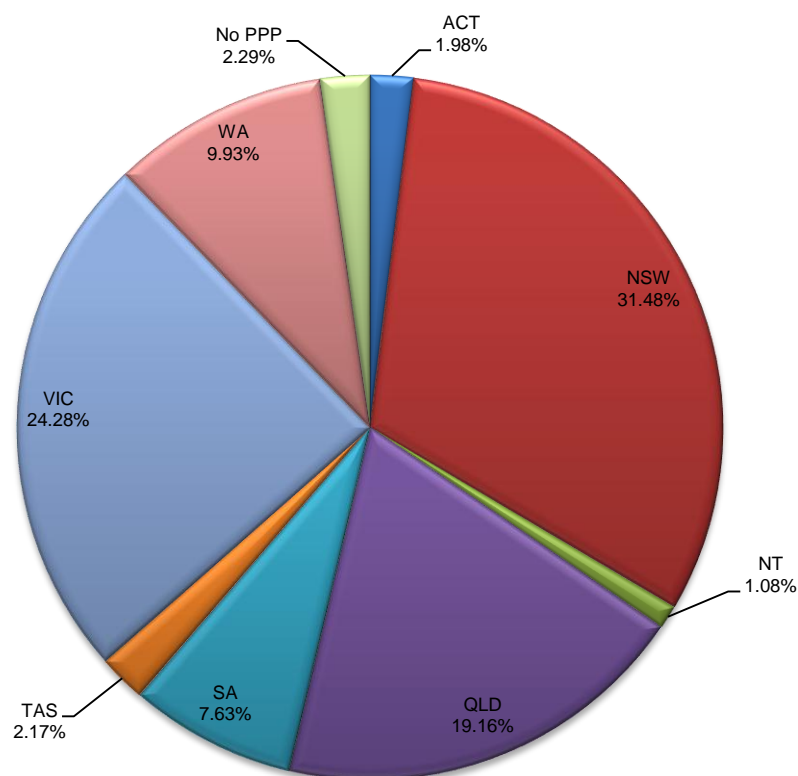


Chart 1: Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

Specialty and field of specialty practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine	2	64	3	26	15	9	30	13	4	166
Anaesthesia	72	1,332	40	892	356	113	1,071	475	108	4,459
Dermatology	5	183	1	80	39	6	126	41	7	488
Emergency medicine	30	370	29	341	99	40	382	185	47	1,523
General practice	411	7,397	220	4,778	1,884	614	5,618	2,356	178	23,456
Intensive care medicine	22	234	10	166	67	17	180	67	24	787
Paediatric intensive care medicine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
No sub-speciality declared	22	234	10	166	67	17	179	67	24	786
Medical administration	15	96	6	81	16	4	65	31	7	321
Obstetrics and gynaecology	30	533	14	346	133	38	487	158	45	1,784
Gynaecological oncology	-	15	-	9	4	1	11	2	-	42
Maternal-fetal medicine	-	13	1	7	3	-	9	5	1	39
Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound	-	13	-	5	4	-	53	3	2	80
Reproductive endocrinology and infertility	-	27	-	4	6	1	13	2	-	53
Urogynaecology	1	10	-	6	1	-	8	4	-	30
No sub-speciality declared	29	455	13	315	115	36	393	142	42	1,540
Occupational and environmental medicine	16	91	1	42	29	6	65	41	7	298
Ophthalmology	12	351	5	159	70	20	224	75	12	928
Paediatrics and child health	36	770	21	399	166	39	568	239	59	2,297
Clinical genetics	-	15	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	22
Community child health	-	16	-	9	2	-	6	-	1	34
General paediatrics	28	581	16	316	128	31	437	170	32	1,739
Neonatal and perinatal medicine	6	42	-	20	8	3	36	23	4	142
Paediatric cardiology	-	5	1	5	-	-	5	4	2	22
Paediatric clinical pharmacology	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Paediatric emergency medicine	-	8	-	8	4	-	8	7	1	36
Paediatric endocrinology	1	10	-	4	1	-	2	2	-	20
Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	-	4	-	1	1	-	6	3	3	18
Paediatric haematology	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	7
Paediatric immunology and allergy	-	3	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	11
Paediatric infectious diseases	-	4	1	3	1	-	6	-	-	15
Paediatric intensive care medicine	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paediatric medical oncology	-	7	-	3	1	-	4	2	1	18
Paediatric nephrology	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paediatric neurology	-	15	-	3	1	1	5	1	2	28
Paediatric rehabilitation medicine	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	-	9	-	5	1	-	3	3	-	21
Paediatric rheumatology	-	3	-	2	1	-	3	1	-	10
No sub-speciality declared	1	30	3	14	13	4	37	21	13	136
Pain medicine	2	81	-	51	30	8	41	29	4	246
Palliative medicine	6	94	2	44	22	12	60	28	5	273
Pathology	58	767	9	403	189	51	524	236	26	2,263
Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	19	265	3	163	62	17	190	89	7	815
Chemical pathology	2	23	-	14	8	2	20	15	4	88
Forensic pathology	-	8	1	13	4	2	10	5	-	43
General pathology	11	182	2	78	55	13	120	36	5	502
Haematology	10	154	2	79	35	12	125	33	5	455
Immunology	6	47	-	11	10	1	19	17	-	111
Microbiology	7	75	1	38	15	4	38	32	1	211
No sub-speciality declared	3	13	0	7	-	-	2	9	4	38

Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice										
Specialty and field of specialty practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Physician	177	2,788	69	1,514	816	164	2,625	736	159	9,048
Cardiology	17	373	6	237	108	19	313	81	34	1,188
Clinical genetics	-	33	-	7	9	-	16	5	-	70
Clinical pharmacology	-	13	-	11	9	-	11	5	2	51
Endocrinology	11	199	6	107	33	11	170	44	1	582
Gastroenterology and hepatology	22	240	3	133	62	13	220	60	9	762
General medicine	32	399	10	331	246	35	542	120	35	1,750
Geriatric medicine	9	188	2	74	49	8	173	62	6	571
Haematology	8	160	2	87	37	9	139	29	11	482
Immunology and allergy	7	55	1	14	12	1	28	22	2	142
Infectious diseases	8	86	12	52	25	7	140	27	8	365
Medical oncology	9	154	2	92	43	8	201	35	4	548
Nephrology	9	155	13	75	25	11	148	34	11	481
Neurology	11	186	1	69	33	7	167	40	7	521
Nuclear medicine	7	100	-	31	26	6	58	20	1	249
Respiratory and sleep medicine	11	190	4	120	52	13	154	55	8	607
Rheumatology	8	113	2	45	36	7	97	29	7	344
No sub-speciality declared	8	144	5	29	11	9	48	68	13	335
Psychiatry	52	1,008	16	605	282	59	940	279	57	3,298
Public health medicine	28	132	24	80	30	11	77	43	7	432
Radiation Oncology	14	112	2	68	23	8	103	20	4	354
Radiology	52	638	3	409	167	48	551	234	98	2,200
Diagnostic radiology	41	564	3	349	151	43	454	203	83	1,891
Diagnostic ultrasound	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4
Nuclear medicine	4	39	-	51	11	4	59	7	3	178
No sub-speciality declared	7	34	-	9	5	1	35	24	12	127
Rehabilitation medicine	6	212	3	55	35	5	116	15	3	450
Sexual health medicine	5	51	1	18	6	1	25	6	-	113
Sport and exercise medicine	11	40	1	11	4	2	36	9	-	114
Surgery	94	1,746	36	1,010	441	106	1,409	453	85	5,380
Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	56	-	42	11	3	61	14	5	198
General surgery	23	626	18	340	155	36	522	131	33	1,884
Neurosurgery	7	72	-	42	15	4	61	20	1	222
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	4	23	3	29	9	1	25	10	1	105
Orthopaedic surgery	27	412	7	271	116	22	299	128	23	1,305
Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	160	3	87	42	9	114	43	8	474
Paediatric surgery	4	32	-	12	9	2	26	8	2	95
Plastic surgery	6	123	2	66	39	13	129	42	4	424
Urology	6	127	1	78	29	10	102	38	2	393
Vascular surgery	3	70	1	43	16	6	55	15	2	211
No sub-speciality declared	-	45	1	-	-	-	15	4	4	69
Total	1,156	19,090	516	11,578	4,919	1,381	15,323	5,769	946	60,678

Table 2: Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory										
Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	1	68	1	47	16	10	230	25	-	398

Table 3: Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory

Medical practitioners – age by registration type										
Age group	Registration type								Total	% by Age Group
Age group	General	General (Teaching & Assessing)	General & Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	Non-Practising		
U-25	134	-	-	-	714	2	-	-	850	0.86%
25-29	7,598	-	10	7	2,109	785	-	32	10,541	10.65%
30-34	10,079	-	1,118	233	534	926	-	135	13,025	13.16%
35-39	5,670	2	5,164	941	231	1,196	-	232	13,436	13.58%
40-44	2,858	3	6,615	1,645	119	812	5	239	12,296	12.43%
45-49	1,706	2	6,533	1,745	57	392	3	207	10,645	10.76%
50-54	1,341	1	7,149	1,342	28	198	7	237	10,303	10.41%
55-59	1,015	3	6,915	881	12	112	9	213	9,160	9.26%
60-64	650	1	5,648	470	2	55	7	197	7,030	7.11%
65-69	415	6	4,406	233	-	27	43	221	5,351	5.41%
70-74	326	4	2,491	87	-	6	101	252	3,267	3.30%
75-79	222	5	1,102	27	-	1	95	217	1,669	1.69%
80+	247	6	664	11	-	-	129	314	1,371	1.39%
Total	32,261	33	47,815	7,622	3,806	4,512	399	2,496	98,944	100.00%

Table 4: Medical practitioners – age by registration type

Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration						
Age group	Type of limited registration				Total	% by Age Group
Age group	Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	Area of Need	Public Interest	Teaching or Research		
U-25	1	1	-	-	2	0.04%
25-29	568	216	-	1	785	17.40%
30-34	620	300	-	6	926	20.52%
35-39	863	324	-	9	1,196	26.51%
40-44	509	295	2	6	812	18.00%
45-49	185	201	1	5	392	8.69%
50-54	71	124	2	1	198	4.39%
55-59	37	72	1	2	112	2.48%
60-64	10	42	2	1	55	1.22%
65-69	7	20	-	-	27	0.60%
70-74	-	6	-	-	6	0.13%
75-79	-	1	-	-	1	0.02%
80+	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	2,871	1,602	8	31	4,512	100.00%

Table 5: Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration

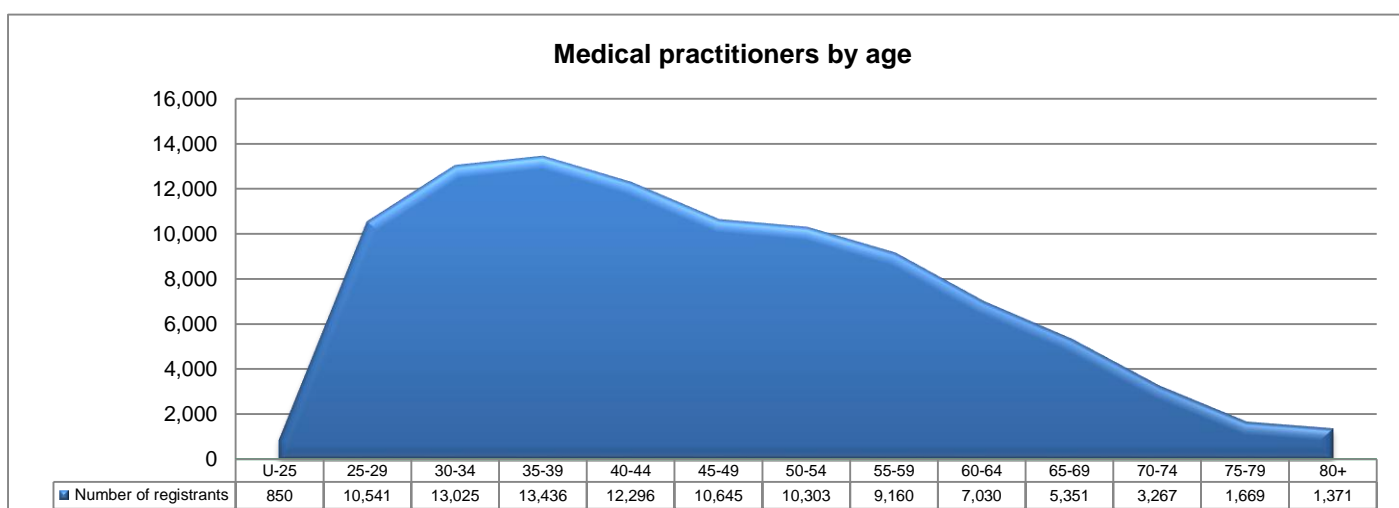


Chart 2: Medical practitioners by age

Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender and registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	876	12,452	523	7,446	2,944	871	9,880	3,975	774	39,741
General	371	5,207	254	3,131	1,177	322	3,953	1,613	253	16,281
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	5	-	1	1	-	3	3	-	13
General & Specialist	336	5,254	163	2,875	1,256	379	4,280	1,361	151	16,055
Specialist	54	574	32	619	157	64	502	372	90	2,464
Provisional	55	589	39	432	160	43	520	204	1	2,043
Limited	50	568	32	277	152	44	437	305	5	1,870
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	42	519	2	156	115	26	314	55	5	1,234
<i>Area of Need</i>	8	44	30	120	34	18	120	246	-	620
<i>Public Interest</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	5	-	1	3	-	3	4	-	16
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	2	-	14	-	-	-	42	-	58
Non-Practising	10	253	3	97	41	19	185	75	274	957
Male	1,083	18,700	544	11,512	4,603	1,278	14,144	5,850	1,489	59,203
General	305	5,250	190	3,335	1,123	297	3,674	1,406	400	15,980
General (Teaching & Assessing)	-	4	-	6	4	-	4	2	-	20
General & Specialist	551	10,569	201	5,805	2,634	693	8,117	2,800	390	31,760
Specialist	92	1,143	75	1,310	357	144	1,022	766	249	5,158
Provisional	44	519	20	420	147	42	405	159	7	1,763
Limited	63	781	56	391	255	70	616	406	4	2,642
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	46	676	5	204	194	26	380	103	3	1,637
<i>Area of Need</i>	16	96	50	181	60	44	235	299	1	982
<i>Public Interest</i>	1	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	8
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	7	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	15
Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)	-	17	-	112	-	1	-	205	6	341
Non-Practising	28	417	2	133	83	31	306	106	433	1,539
Total Practitioners	1,959	31,152	1,067	18,958	7,547	2,149	24,024	9,825	2,263	98,944

Table 6: Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type

Medical practitioners – percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	44.72%	39.97%	49.02%	39.28%	39.01%	40.53%	41.13%	40.46%	34.20%	40.17%
Male	55.28%	60.03%	50.98%	60.72%	60.99%	59.47%	58.87%	59.54%	65.80%	59.83%

Table 7: Medical practitioners – percentage by gender