Range and adequacy of skills attained by participants in general practice training programs

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project was undertaken by the Centre for Health Initiatives (formerly the Centre for Health Behaviour and Communication Research) and the Graduate School of Medicine (University of Wollongong) and commissioned by CoastCityCountryTraining (CCCT). With the aim of identifying the minimum skills that accreditation bodies expect graduates of general practice training programs to have acquired; the skills recent graduates of GP training programs identify as being either essential or desirable when functioning as an independent general practitioner; the skills recent graduates of GP training programs indicate they had acquired at graduation and the skills that recent graduates have acquired since graduation. Self ranked competency in those skills identified as essential for independent practice by recent graduates was greater than 90% for all skills, with 85.7% of graduates agreeing that the procedural skills training program was adequate. Most respondents agreed they had been provided with adequate opportunity to practice procedural skills (80%), but this decreased to 65.7% regarding adequacy of supervision and to 54.3% regarding adequacy of assessment.