

Modernizing medical career : New training program in psychiatry UK-experiences

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The expansion and reform of health services, changes in working patterns, career structure and the regulation of training of doctors have laid the ground for a major revision of and developments in postgraduate medical education in the UK. Modernizing medical careers (MMC) is a project designed to reconfigure postgraduate medical education throughout the United Kingdom. It aims to improve patient care by delivering a modernized and focused career structure and the development of a flexible workforce of doctors, who are demonstrably both competent and effective to meet changing service needs and patients' expectations. A newly formed independent statutory body, the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB), is now responsible for establishing, promoting and monitoring standards and requirements for postgraduate medical education and training across the UK. There are also changes imminent in regulatory arrangements for doctors. All these developments will result in changes in the way psychiatric training in the UK is delivered, monitored and assessed. This presentation will discuss the changes and the work of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in partnership to ensure improved, safe and effective patient care.