

Background

Established in 2016 by endocrinologist Dr Martyn Sulway to promote and encourage the development of professional communication skills, which are increasingly recognised as important for optimal patient care.

Terms and conditions

Competition for the Prize is voluntary and students may be recommended for consideration (for example, by tutors, or fellow students) or nominate themselves at the end of 3rd year.

The Prize is awarded based on cumulative performance and assessments throughout the MD program as outlined below:

YEAR: 1/2 ACTIVITY: All students - Workbook ASSESSMENT: Document emotional interactions with five patients during communication skills tutorials; simple review and sign-off by tutor.

YEAR: 2 ACTIVITY: All students – DBN OSCE ASSESSMENT: Supported by PMC lectures, theme sessions and DBN tutorials in Block 4. Scored routinely in Stage 2 OSCE.

YEAR: 3 ACTIVITY: All students – Educational tool to assist future students ASSESSMENT: Self determined content– essay, video, educational tool, etc. Peer reviewed by fellow students; if for the Prize, assessed by PMC staff and affiliates

YEAR: 4 ACTIVITY: Prize volunteers – Personal Statement (600 words) ASSESSMENT: Personal statement about experience of the value/impact of effective communication. Assessed by PMC staff and affiliates

YEAR: 4 ACTIVITY: Prize volunteers – Role Play Exercise ASSESSMENT: Communications skill role play with assessment by surrogate patient (either face to face or online). eBBN Avatar computer-based assessment

YEAR: 3/4 ACTIVITY: Prize volunteers – Communications Competition Event ASSESSMENT: 3 Finalists do live communications challenges to allocate the final prize order – assessed by panel.

Value

Three Prizes will be awarded to students in the final year of the Sydney Medical Program . The Prizes will be valued at \$1500, \$1000 and \$500 .

Further information

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