The practice of Neurology encompasses the diagnosis and management of diseases affecting the central, peripheral and autonomic nervous systems and muscles. The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) is accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) to deliver physician training.

**Workforce Characteristics in 2015**

- **Headcount**: 186
- **Female**: 27.4%
- **Average Hours per Week**: 43.2 hours
- **Average Age**: 50.9 years
- **Workforce aged over 50**: 47.3%
- **Workforce aged over 60**: 26.2%
- **New Fellows in Australia in 2016**: 35

**Supply and Distribution**

**Metropolitan Sydney**
- **Headcount**: 150
- **Hours per Week**: 43
- **Average Age**: 51
- **Aged over 60**: 27%

**Non-Metropolitan Sydney**
- **Headcount**: 36
- **Hours per Week**: 44
- **Average Age**: 51
- **Aged over 60**: 24%

**Retirement Intentions**
- **Next 1-2 years**: 22%
- **Next 3-5 years**: 41%
- **Next 6-10 years**: 20%

**Total NSW**

- **Workforce by Sector (percent)**:
  - **Public only**: 24%
  - **Private only**: 19%
  - **Public and Private**: 40.4%
  - **Other (Non-Clinical)**: 39.2%

**Trainees**

**Advanced Trainees in NSW**

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**NSW Trainees as % of Australia 2017**: 37.3%

**Proportion female Trainees in Australia 2017**: 50.0%

*Data sourced: The National Health Workforce Dataset – Australian Government Department of Health; The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA); The Medical Education and Training in Australia Report (MET).
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Workforce projections are provided for a low and high demand scenario. Where requirements for both scenarios are met without the need for additional fellows, the projected “No Growth” scenario workforce data is provided.

**Estimated Demand Growth**
- Between 1.8% (low demand scenario) to 2.4% (high demand scenario).

**Estimated Additional Fellows**
The high demand scenario requires additional fellows. Trainee numbers need to increase by approximately 1 per annum to meet projected 2030 requirements.

**Estimated Workforce Size**
In 2030, 263 to 276 Headcount (assuming all additional fellows will enter the workforce).

**Estimated percentage over 60 years**
In 2030, 13.5% to 14.2% of workforce over 60 years.

**Estimated Workforce Average Age**
- In 2030, 48.5 to 48.8 years.

**Estimated Workforce Size**
- In 2030, 263 to 276 Headcount (assuming all additional fellows will enter the workforce).

**Workforce Planning Priority and Assessment Framework**

- **Priority for Workforce Planning:**
  - REASONABLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
  - Ageing > 60
  - Ageing > 70
  - Retirement Intentions < 2 years
  - Retirement Intentions < 5 years
  - New Fellow Requirements

- **Rating Key:** Minimal Factor < Minor Factor < Moderate Factor < Major Factor

**Workforce Modelling Considerations**
- Workforce modelling is based on current models of care. Any change in the models may impact on requirements.
- Any changes to current training programs will affect the workforce modelling outcome.
- Workforce modelling is based on current workforce hours profile by age co-hours. Any changes to hours worked by future clinicians will affect the model.
- There is an accepted error rate of plus or minus two per cent within workforce modelling
- The model does not address any mal-distribution either by location (rural or regional) or sector (public or private)