

Pathology Associations Council
Activities and Achievements of the Pathology Associations
Committee/Council since 2006 in chronological order

1. Development of Pathology Associations Committee website. This is linked to member websites and university websites.
2. Development of brochures and posters for PAC promoting Pathology, Pathologists and Scientists
3. Promoting Pathology during Pathology Week; promotion in laboratories, shopping centres (Blood Bugs and Bodies panels).
4. Provided framework to discuss and develop cohesive responses to TGA in relation to the new In Vitro Diagnostic Test Legislation
5. Workforce Survey Data – preliminary data fed into the Michael Legg Workforce Review
6. Input into RCPA Management Course
7. Combined Submission to the National Hospital and Health Care Reform Commission
8. Wrote and lobbied DoHA on the need to have a review of workforce for Pathologists and Scientists
9. Participated in the Legg Review of Pathology Workforce
10. Workforce Sub-committee established
 - a. Competency based standards almost complete
 - b. Further directions established
 1. The review of the Competency Based Standards is almost complete.
 2. Scope of Practice then needs to be introduced.
 3. Defining career pathways will be the next issue. There needs to be a matching of the levels of Fellowship and Memberships offered to Scientists by various organisations.
 4. Some societies may need to create Fellowships/Memberships.
 5. Training positions for Scientists (way forward implied in the Legg report) are needed.
 6. Group meets twice a year – next meeting March 2009.

11. Labs are Vital – PAC about to be a member
12. National Career Days – recent commitment to combined stands
13. Letter sent to National Registration and Accreditation Scheme requesting scientists to be included in Register. Criteria to be addressed obtained. A submission needs to be developed after Workforce Sub-Committee body of work complete
14. XXV WASPaLM Satellite Events – AACB, HISA, RCPA
15. PAC Charter developed
16. PAC reviewing, identifying and prioritising areas identified in the Legg Report (Mitigation Issues) to feed into Strategic Planning Session to be held by DoHA in March/April 2009