

Human Pathology Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 33rd meeting - 2 November 2023

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| Opening & welcome | Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chair |
| Committee Membership | <p>The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of current committee members which are due to expire on or before the next meeting.</p> <p>The following positions were actioned in 2022/23:</p> <p>Dr Julie Burn was re-appointed for a further 3 year period as the RCPA Anatomical Pathology expert.</p> <p>Dr Daman Langguth re-appointed for a further 3 year period as the RCPA Liaison Officer.</p> <p>Ms Belinda McEwan was appointed for an initial 5 year period as the ASM Microbiology expert.</p> <p>Dr Richard Wong was appointed for an initial 5 year period as the RCPA Immunopathology expert</p> <p>NATA wishes to extend thanks to Prof Geoffrey Coombs and A/Prof William Sewell who left the Committee during this time.</p> |
| Stakeholder engagement | The TGA and The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care provided an update on activities and future directions. |
| Discussion | <p>Workforce shortages. A discussion was held on the increasing concerns with pathology workforce shortages which are beginning to have a detrimental affect on some facilities ability to comply with the assessment criteria.</p> <p>A call for Technical assessors from the Public Health Laboratory Network was tabled as these assessors especially are in high demand with low numbers currently available.</p> |
| Next meeting | The next meeting will occur late 2024 |