





An invitation to provide your expertise to improve medicine and health in Australia

Do you want to improve medicine and health in Australia? The Australian Federation of Medical Women (AFMW) invites you to participate in an initiative that will enhance the opportunities for both individuals and AFMW to contribute to public health policy and service delivery.

Medical women have a wealth of expertise, experience and ideas on how to improve medicine in Australia. However, their voices often go unheard and they lack access to opportunities and forums that would allow them to foster change. AFMW is often approached by government and non-government organisations to participate in debates and provide expert views on health and workforce issues. Often the time-frames are short, or the issue is an unexpected one. We currently have no systematic way of identifying medical women to consult with or to have attend meetings about these issues. Currently we are unable to access the vast wealth of expertise and experience that medical women possess.

To address these concerns AFMW is building a database of medical women who are willing to share their ideas in their areas of expertise, experience and interest. We will use the information obtained to offer interested doctors opportunities to provide their expertise and opinions to Health Policy Makers and other organisations that approach AFMW for advice. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss their ideas and consult on the formulation of consensus opinions both for AFMW and the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), our International parent organisation that is actively involved with the United Nations as a Non Governmental Organisation and has official working relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

We encourage all medical women to take part in this initiative - each medical woman has a wealth of expertise and experience to offer, and often from a different perspective. If you are interested in improving Australian medicine please register by completing the form overleaf and returning it to AFMW. AFMW will hold your details on file and will advise you when an issue of interest to you is raised, offering you the opportunity to participate in discussions. Your contact details will not be provided to a third party without your express consent. You can decline to participate or opt out at any time. You do not have to be a member of AFMW to join the database.

We hope to hear from you!

The Australian Federation of Medical Women aims to further the professional development of medical women through education and research and to improve the health and welfare of all persons, especially Australian women and children. The AFMW acts for and represents medical women in all matters of mutual interest at national and international levels.







Yes, I wish to provide my expertise to improve health and medicine in Australia!

Contact details Title:	Name:	
Email: Mailing address: Practice address:		
Mobile:	Phone:	Fax:
Your medical speci	alty:	
Interest areas		
Aboriginal health		International health
Abortion Child abuse		Postgraduate training
		Professional issues for medical
Child health		women
Environment		Refugee health
Euthanasia		Undergraduate training
Maternal healt	h	Violence against women
Other:		-
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Please return completed form to: afmw[at]afmw[dot]org[dot]au

Or print and mail to: Australian Federation of Medical Women PO Box 252, East Melbourne Vic 3002