Graduate Entry Medical Schools Application System (GEMSAS)

The GAMSAT Consortium is introducing an on-line application and matching system for applicants to Australian graduate-entry medical schools. GEMSAS will increase the number of preferences available for applicants to medical schools and provide an equitable and transparent allocation process.

The new system will manage applications, calculate grade point averages (GPAs) and apply individual school selection rules to:

- allocate applicants to interview at one of medical schools listed on the their preference list;

- make offers of a place at one of these medical schools.

In 2011, applicants for a medical school place commencing in 2012 will apply through the Graduate Medical Admissions Centre (GMAC) at **http://gmac.acer.edu.au/register**. Once applications are complete, GEMSAS will take over the processing of applications, including calculation of GPAs and application of school selection rules.

Features of GEMSAS are:

- Applicants will submit a single on-line application.

- Applicants will be offered up to six preferences.

- Applicants who completed an undergraduate degree at most Australian universities will have their results retrieved automatically. This will significantly reduce number of applicants required to obtain original transcripts of results.

- Applicants will be able to check the status of their applications on-line. On-line and business hours telephone help will be available.

- GPAs will be calculated using all available results, including 2011 first semester results for applicants completing the final year of a qualifying degree.

- Individual medical schools' selection rules will be applied to each preference listed by applicants.

- A computer match will allocate applicants to interviews at one of their preferred medical schools.

- Interview scores will be standardised for use by all medical schools so that the interview score can be incorporated into the selection methods of all preferenced medical schools.

- Following interviews, a second computer match will allocate successful applicants to offers of a place according to their preferences and the selection rules of preferenced medical

schools. Applicants completing the final year of their qualifying degree will receive provisional offers.

- Following the release of final semester results, provisional offers will be confirmed for applicants with satisfactory GPAs.

- An applicant who has not achieved a satisfactory GPA will be informed that the offer has been withdrawn. The place will be offered to the highest ranked unsuccessful applicant at that medical school.