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Title: The Northern Clinical Training Network and Social Accountability in Medical Training

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Introduction / Background:

The School of Medicine and Dentistry at James Cook University, Queensland Health and private sector stakeholders have collaborated to develop the Northern Clinical Training Network (NCTN) in north Queensland. The objectives of the NCTN include: (i) supporting the provision of integrated medical education across the training continuum; (ii) encouraging expanded settings for clinical training; and (iii) developing a medical workforce which is responsive to the health needs of northern Queensland populations, many of which are underserved.

Purpose / Objectives:

The primary purpose of this presentation will be to discuss the opportunities for continuing socially accountable medical education from undergraduate through to junior doctor and vocational training. As background to the discussion, a brief outline will be provided of the guiding objectives, early development and current structure of the NCTN as well as how the NCTN links to current social accountability initiatives within the James Cook University School of Medicine and Dentistry curriculum.

Issues / questions for exploration or ideas for discussion:

What opportunities are there for continuing socially accountable education into postgraduate medical training?

What initiatives for socially accountable postgraduate medical education currently exist?

What benefits might be expected of socially accountable medical education that spans the training continuum?