

M20 and AMSA's Stance on COVID-19

COVID-19 and the fast-paced changes in the past week undoubtedly represent some of the most volatile times for AMSA's events and medical students around Australia.

AMSA's primary consideration during this period is its students' welfare and safety. Our priority is to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken to protect the health of medical students. AMSA similarly takes the impact of COVID-19 on all of our event attendees very seriously. Medical student attendees, speakers, patrons and sponsors - their safety and health are of paramount importance.

It is thus with great disappointment that the Melbourne 2020 convening committee announce the cancellation of our upcoming conference scheduled for the 29th June - 5th of July 2020 in Melbourne. AMSA and the M20 Executive have carefully considered the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and recognises our responsibility to act in the best interests of medical students' health as well as patient health and safety.

Despite this cancellation, we are currently reviewing potential alternatives to continue to provide the incredible academic program we had planned and to continue providing Australian medical students an opportunity to get involved, upskill and learn from *New Perspectives*.

On behalf of the entire M20 team and AMSA, we greatly appreciate the support, generosity and enthusiasm for our event so far, and apologise for any inconvenience that this decision has caused.

Finally, we offer our heartfelt thoughts and well wishes to all that are affected by this global situation.

Yours sincerely,

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