Challenges and Opportunities in converting all medical schools to Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships (LIC)

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Converting to LIC

• LIC pioneered in rural settings
• Moving progressively to urban settings
• Conversion of “traditional block rotation” TBR to LIC is challenging
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- Parallel Rural Community Curriculum 1996
- Onkaparinga Community Education Program 2007
- Flinders Northern Territory Medical Program 2007
- Longitudinal Integrated Flinders Training “LIFT” pilots 1 to 4 in 2013 to 2016
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• 2017
  – 160 students (approx)
    • 30 PRCC
    • 30 NTMP
    • 20 OCEP
    • 80 FMC - semester long attachment to single specialist unit (change at semester break) plus continuity in obstetrics and mental health
Challenges

- Education of Faculty on benefits of LIC
- “coveritis”
- Student acceptance
- Need to change assessment model (to Programmatic Assessment for Learning)
- Acceptance by Australian Medical Council (accreditor of medical course)
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- LICs in the Rise: Results of a 2015 survey of Internal Medicine Clerkship Directors from North America
- LIC percentage now past the “tipping point” of 34%
Questions

• What are the challenges and opportunities in conversion of TBR to LIC?
• How can we transform all medical schools to LIC?
• Can and should we extend LIC to all years of a medical course?