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New ANU Medical School Dean welcomed

Today's announcement of the appointment of Professor Nicholas Glasgow as Dean of The Australian National University's (ANU) Medical School has been applauded by the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN).

AGPN Chair Dr Tony Hobbs said the announcement represents the University's commitment to relevant and practical teaching and training for medical students.

"Professor Glasgow is a well respected academic and general practitioner.

"It is very rare for a practicing GP to be appointed as a Dean of a high profile medical school.

"Students at the ANU will benefit from Professor Glasgow's experience and understanding of the current general practice setting and the ways in which general practice has changed," Dr Hobbs said.

Professor Glasgow is a well-published academic and Director of the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute.

"His focus on the importance of research in education to help the primary health care sector manage chronic disease is indicative of his passion to help students and professionals work smarter as pressures on the health care system increase," Dr Hobbs said

Pressures such as the increasing numbers of people living with chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, along with an ageing population and workforce shortages require smarter ways to approach health care.

"Professor Glasgow understands the pressures facing the Australian health system and we are confident his students will respect his progressive approach to medicine and the contribution he has made to primary health care.

"We wish Dr Glasgow the very best in this role.

"We are confident he will play an integral part in delivering some of the finest medical graduates for generations to come," Dr Hobbs said.

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