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During 2016 there have been a number of developments at the Graduate School of Medicine (GSM). As we transition to our 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation a significant modification in 2017 will be a new name for the School. Future communication will refer to the GSM as Graduate Medicine (GM). The background to this change is that, in recognition of the multidisciplinary nature of health care in Australia, the University of Wollongong in 2013 formed a School of Medicine which incorporates the following disciplines:

- Graduate Medicine
- Medical and Exercise Science
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Indigenous Health

The name change reflects the fact that Graduate Medicine is a discipline in the broader School of Medicine. The School of Medicine is part of the Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health.

From 2017 UOW will offer a Doctor of Medicine (MD) program. This degree will replace the existing Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Degree (MBBS). The change will occur with the 2017 student intake and our preparation and planning ensures there will be minimal impact to the current delivery of the medical program. While recognising previous achievements attained from UOW medical training, a MD is a significant step in aligning the degree with those offered by other successful national and international universities.

In mid-October 2016 we welcomed Professor Nicholas Zwar, our new Dean of Medicine. Professor Zwar, previously from the University of New South Wales, has a medical career spanning 30 years. With research interests in chronic disease management, in general practice and primary care, infectious diseases and travel medicine, Professor Zwar also continues to work clinically. Now that Professor Zwar is on board, Professor Ian Wilson who has been Dean for the past three years has returned to his position as Associate Dean: Learning and Teaching.

Looking forward, a priority is to maintain close alliances with our professional and community partners as we highly value their association with our program. We are proud of our achievements to date. It is a testimony to everyone who has contributed in their way to the program and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Jones".

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