Things are changing

The health workforce is changing

The work done is changing

Drivers of change are increasing

and will continue to change……..

The workforce is older, more allied health, emphasis on teams

“Best practice” 20 years ago very different to today

Genetic testing, new imaging, IT and telemedicine, patients’ expectations are changing

Medical training is long, 10 years to be a specialist. We need to be sure we are educating and training you for an environment which will be different and which will require specific new skills.
Changes in IT and biology \textit{will never} remove the need for some skills and attributes:

- \textbf{Clinical skills}: patient communication, taking patient histories, gathering data and developing a diagnosis, physical examinations and procedures.
- \textbf{Compassion, ethics, empathy and problem solving skills, listening and communication}. ie the attributes we look for in medical students.
But other skills will be essential

- **Info management skills** ie able to sort the wood from the trees.
  Collecting, critiquing large amounts of information, much biological

- **Research skills**
  Experienced in critical thinking and interpretation of new knowledge.

- **Resource management skills**
  Shift in focus to preventive rather than acute care.

- **Management and leadership skills**
  To drive – and thrive on – the changes that will occur.

- **Lifelong learning skills**
  To accommodate changes in disease patterns and populations

- **International perspectives**
  Medicine and healthcare increasingly will require a global focus
So what does this mean for people about to embark on medical studies?
Our vision is to develop caring, clear thinking clinically outstanding research capable and globally engaged graduates who have the capabilities to become leaders in medicine, public health and research.
Aims for our graduates

1. Excellent clinical skills
2. Research experience
3. International perspectives
## Clinical training starts in first weeks

### Excellent hospitals
- Royal Prince Alfred (Central) Hospital
- Royal North Shore (Northern) Hospital
- Concord Hospital
- Westmead Hospital
- Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Nepean Hospital
- Sydney Adventist Hospital
- Hospitals in Dubbo, Orange, Broken Hill, Lismore.

## Research options
- Summer scholarships
- Independent Learning Activities
- Honours
- Elective term
- MBBS/MPhil
- MBBS/PhD

## International
- >60% participate in an international exchange
- Office of Global Health & GlobalHOME: raise awareness.
- Extensive number of partner international medical schools

## Other
- Medical leaders lecture series
- Funds to present at international events