In 2015, 5 sexual health medicine consultants were identified as working in Western Australia (WA).

Sexual health medicine supply is currently below demand with a medium risk shortfall identified in 2015. Trainee throughput is currently sufficient to keep pace with the growth in demand and the expected number of retirements through to 2025.

Sexual health medicine is a small volume specialty where the loss or gain of one specialist can have a significant impact on shortfall risk. The shortfall risk assessments for 2021 and 2025 assume that current trainees successfully complete their training and remain in WA as consultants.

It is anticipated that there should be employment opportunities in the future with medium and low risk shortfalls projected for 2021 and 2025, respectively.

Sexual health medicine had a medium shortfall risk in 2015 and 2021, becoming low by 2025.
Vocational training requirements: Three years full-time equivalent. Can enter with fellowship of a faculty or college approved by the Chapter or completion of Royal Australasian College of Physicians basic training, including written and clinical examinations.


Source: Australian Government Department of Health, Medical Training Review Panel, Eighteenth Report

Projected consultant supply and demand 2015 to 2025

In 2025 the sexual health medicine workforce is projected to be 8 consultants.
Supply will be sufficient to meet expected demand of 8 consultants in 2025.

Workforce planning 2015 to 2025

Growth in demand: An estimated 0.17 consultants were needed in 2015 to service the growth in demand. This is expected to increase to approximately 0.26 consultants per annum by 2025.

Retirements: 40% of the 2015 workforce is expected to retire by 2025.

Vocational trainees: Currently producing 0.53 new consultants per annum which is sufficient to cover retirements and service the growth in demand.

* The information provided is a snapshot in time and does not take into account innovation, reform and/or changing models of care. Shortfalls presented are a guide only based on weighted activity based modelling conducted as part of the specialist workforce capacity program (SWCP). Other approaches could yield different results.

This document should be read in conjunction with "User information: Specialist Workforce Capacity Program summary sheets".

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