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**More than 100 junior doctors join the hospital ranks**

More than 100 junior doctors will today start their first two years of medical training in Sydney Local Health District hospitals.

Fifty-eight interns will rotate across a network of hospitals, including Royal Prince Alfred and Balmain hospitals. Another 45 will rotate across a network including Concord and Canterbury hospitals. The interns will also undertake placements at country hospitals including Dubbo Base and Broken Hill Base hospitals to gain exposure to rural environments.

In their first year, interns complete five placements under close supervision in medical, surgical and emergency departments and two other areas. The interns could then work towards specialist training by working as hospital resident medical officers.

The director of prevocational education and training at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Dr Probal Roy, said it was with great pleasure that SLHD welcomed the 2013 group of interns.

“It is a highly rewarding experience to work with these young doctors to help their transition from being medical students to practising doctors,” Dr Roy said.

“This is an exciting and formative time in their careers where they will be exposed to different sized hospitals, a range of medical specialities and cases, and increased responsibilities to ensure patients are provided a high quality of care.

“It is also a time of great adjustment. Getting used to life after being a student is a feat in itself.

“Above all, these early years of training are an invaluable foundation for their futures. Our interns have great support from clinical training and medical administration staff ensuring they have the skills and knowledge to see through them through their careers,” he said.

The District wishes all its interns a successful future in medicine.

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