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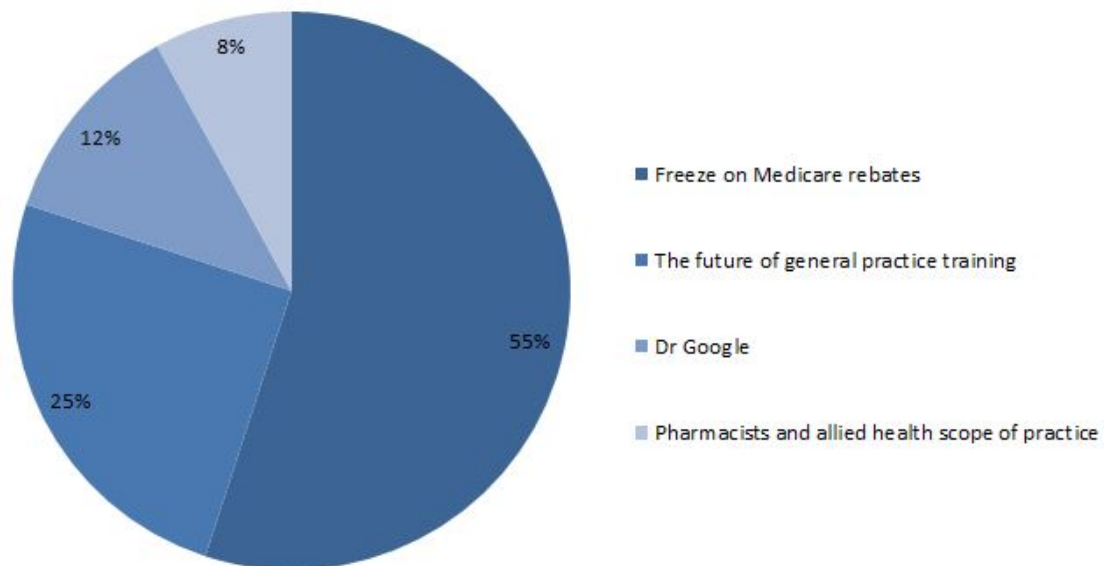
GPs view the freeze on Medicare rebates as by far the biggest threat to general practice, according to a survey of more than 150 RACGP members.

The freeze was nominated as the number one threat by 55% of the GPs who were surveyed on day one of the GP15 conference in Melbourne last month.

The future of general practice training was nominated as the number one threat by 25% of respondents and "Dr Google" by 12%.

The remainder - 8% - were most troubled by pharmacists and the allied health scope of practice.

What do you see as the biggest threat to general practice?



RACGP chief Dr Frank Jones says he's unsurprised by the result, adding that battling "co-payment by stealth" will continue to be the college's number one priority.

In another survey on day two of the conference, 65 GPs were asked what keeps them up most at night.

The top answer? Work-life balance/career.

Patients followed in second, financial concerns in third, and building/maintaining a viable practice in fourth.

In a third survey, Medicare funding (73%) and "pharmacy creep" (46%) emerged as the two key issues GPs want the college to focus its advocacy on.

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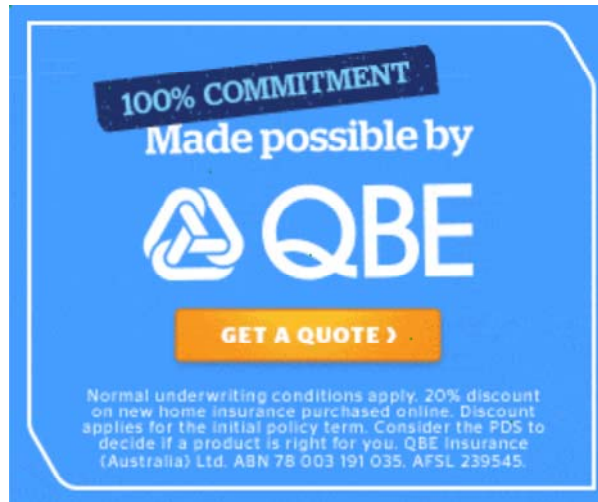
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