Australians Divided Over Os-Trained Doctors

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Fears of imported doctors centre around African and Asian practitioners

Australians are divided over importing overseas-trained doctors as an answer to the practitioner shortage, with almost half of the belief that we should not recruit doctors from overseas.

The 42% who believe we should recruit from overseas, are supported by a similar proportion (38%) who state they don't mind where their doctor was trained.

However, for one in five, comfort with seeing an overseas-trained doctor hinges on the country or region they were trained in.

Africa fares the worst, with 44% of the belief that they're of lower standard than Australian-trained practitioners.

One-third held the same belief for doctors trained in Asia.

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