

Graduation Stethoscopes Guidelines

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Purpose and Background

The presentation of AIDA Stethoscopes recognises and celebrates the achievements of our Indigenous medical students upon graduation, and Indigenous medical Doctors who attain fellowship with an AHPRA accredited specialist college. These guidelines outline the framework around the **AIDA Stethoscopes, categories, eligibility and the selection criteria.**

Types of Stethoscopes

AIDA awards two types of stethoscopes:

Unframed stethoscope with certificate: Provided to Indigenous medical graduates upon completion of medical school. Unframed stethoscopes are typically awarded during internship year (PGY1) or thereafter.

Framed stethoscope: Provided to Indigenous medical doctors who have attained Fellowship with one of the 15 specialist colleges accredited by AHPRA. Eligible Fellows may receive a second framed stethoscope, subject to meeting the same eligibility as applied to their initial allocation.

Application Criteria

To be considered for a stethoscope allocation, eligible members must submit a completed application form to the AIDA Secretariat. All applications will be reviewed and approved by the Membership Committee, a sub-committee of the AIDA Board.

Applicants must:

- Provide documentation confirming graduation or attainment of Fellowship.
- Be within six (6) years of graduation or the attainment of fellowship.
- Have been a financial AIDA member at the time of graduation or Fellowship
- Have maintained financial AIDA membership for a minimum of 12 months prior to receiving a stethoscope. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis for members with less than 12 months of membership.

Frequency and Timing of Presentation

AIDA stethoscopes are presented annually during the AIDA conference.

Recipients attending the conference must arrange and cover the cost of transporting their stethoscope home. For recipients unable to attend conference, the AIDA Secretariat will post their stethoscope directly to the recipient.

In cases of unforeseen damage or loss, recipients should contact the AIDA Secretariat to discuss options for replacement.

Review and Updates

This guideline will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with organisational changes and best practice.