Reviewer's report

Title: Doctor retention and distribution in post-apartheid South Africa: Tracking medical graduates (2007–2011) from one university

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Interesting and important study which could be strengthened by the following

- a brief para on the medical System in SA - % patients looked after in public vs private/ workforce needs - Dr / patient ratios - how they compare globally etc brief para on the number of medical schools / graduating number for SA etc - This gives the reader a view of the SA 'system'

Is there any data on the number of trainees who once finished their specialist training move from rural to urban - may be too early yet . Stress importance of longitudinal data sets - for the whole country .

Any data on followup of migration to other countries - for example Aus has changed its weighting for admission ( migrating ) medical practitioners so there should be a decrease over recent years

Seems as in Aus rural back ground is an important predictor of where Docs end up

Is there a break down of where spouse is from / works which is a determinant of final workplace

Is there any data on what the mix- specialist / generalist SA thinks it needs

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