

University of Notre Dame's reply

TO THE EDITOR: Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to the article by Kerridge et al (*page 28*)¹ on religiously affiliated medical schools. After careful consideration, the University of Notre Dame does not wish to take up your offer. You can be assured that we had many long discussions with the Australian Medical Council team charged with examining whether Notre Dame could be accredited as a medical school. The result of those discussions was that the team was fully satisfied that we could achieve all the outcomes expected of a graduate from an Australian medical school. Therefore we do not see a need to respond to this article. No doubt the same

questions have been asked in good faith of all the great Catholic medical schools, found on all continents, which have been educating medical students for generations.

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¹ Kerridge IH, Ankeny RAX, Jordens CFC, Lipworth WL. Increasing diversity at the cost of decreasing equity? Issues raised by the establishment of Australia's first religiously affiliated medical school. *Med J Aust* 2005; 183: 28-30. □