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Letter to Active and Exam Pending Trainees Via Email

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Dear

## **Re: Trainee update**

It was good to interact with many of you on last night's webinar entitled "COVID-19 and Surgical Trainees – Your Questions Answered". Thank you to those who were able to participate and provide feedback.

I am keen to confirm with you that, with the flattening of the COVID-19 curve, the Education Board has agreed this week on a number of new principles regarding the Fellowship Exam.

RACS is committed to holding the exam in a modified format in 2020. A minimum of three months' notice will be provided when reinstating the Fellowship Exam, which will be held between mid-September and end-November.

We are aware that a number of Trainees and applicants are concerned about selection in 2020. RACS has also committed to resuming SET Selection in 2020 in a modified format.

Further details of both the Fellowship Exam and SET selection will be shared with you as we know more.

I can also reassure you that the general intention of the training boards is to continue progressing you though your training pathway in 2020.

The next trainee webinar will focus on examinations and will be held either 19 May 2020 at 6pm AEST.

If you have any questions, please contact us via CollegeCIC@surgeons.org.

Please be reassured of our ongoing efforts to ensure your training continues throughout this disruptive and uncertain time.

Kind regards

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