

Manual: Policies and Procedures
Division: Relationships

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Subject: AWARDS COMMITTEE - EXCELLENCE IN SURGERY

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of an Excellence in Surgery Award. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEY DIRECTION STATEMENT

As a fellowship based organisation, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons commits to ensuring the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care for the community we serve through excellence in surgical education, training, professional development and support.

3. VALUES

- Service and Professionalism
 - performing to and upholding the highest standards
- Integrity
 - upholding professional values
- Respect and Compassion
 - being sympathetic and empathetic
- Commitment and Diligence
 - being dedicated, doing one's best to deliver
- Collaboration and Teamwork
 - working together to achieve the best outcome

4. BACKGROUND

In 1992 Council resolved to create awards to recognise excellence in surgery in Australia and New Zealand. The Awards may be for clinical performance, for research or for education and may be made to an individual, a unit or a group.

5. BODY OF POLICY

5.1 Nominations for Awards shall be made to Council by Fellows of the RACS with appropriate supporting documentation. Criteria for Awards for Excellence in Surgery are :

- The highest level of surgical achievement by world standards;
- Leadership in the field of Australasia;
- Innovation and/or advancement in the field;
- Sustained standard and sustained worth of the innovation;
- The highest standards of surgical ethics.

5.2 Financial Implications for Recipient of a College Award:

- Travel and Accommodation are not provided by the College and costs will not be paid or re-imbursed by the College.
- If being presented at the ASC registration at the ASC and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will be paid by the College.

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