

# Developing a Career in Academic Surgery

**Monday 3 May 2010**

(The day preceding the ASC)

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

7.00am – 4.00pm

The 2010 DCAS Course is set to intrigue and inspire participants with evolved themes and presenters, as well as several faculty returning from last year's successful inaugural course.

Designed for surgical trainees, research Fellows and early career academics, this inspirational course contains elements of interest for those from the stage of medical students to that of any surgeon who has ever considered involvement with publication or presentation of any academic work.

**Key Note Speaker: Winthrop Professor Fiona Wood AM**

***"The highs and lows of a successful career in surgical research"***

Topics addressed by an outstanding local and international faculty will include:

- Where do good ideas and research questions come from?
- How to design a study to get an answer
- What makes surgical research ethical? (and how to survive ethics applications!)
- Submitting and revising your work (including abstract writing)
- Private practice and research
- Finding the money for research
- How to integrate Clinical and Research interests into a rewarding academic program
- Why a trainee should consider doing full-time research
- Starting and planning a research career
- Why every surgeon could and should be an academic surgeon
- Creating and managing a clinical database
- How do you fit it in? - Work/life balance

## ***But wait... there's more!***

*Two interactive workshop sessions with the experts, one to address individual career pathways, and the second to brainstorm challenges in any current research project. For the latter, registrants should bring their problems with them eg: the insoluble statistical dilemma, the unachievable ethics application, the project idea that won't come together.*



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## **2009 Comments**

*"excellent talks"*

*"the sort of talk that every research Fellow needs to hear at the outset"*

*"challenging topics were covered extremely well"*

## **Registration**

Cost \$150.00 inc. GST  
Register on the ASC registration form or online at <http://asc.surgeons.org>.

Complimentary registration for interested medical students, contact [dcas@surgeons.org](mailto:dcas@surgeons.org) for a separate registration form.

## **Further information**

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**NOTE: New RACS Fellows presenting for graduation in 2010 will be required to marshal at 3.30pm for the Convocation Ceremony.**

**Maximum 100 registrants, register early to avoid missing out.**

The above themes/topic were correct at the time of printing however the Organising Committee reserve the right to change the themes/topics without notice. Email [dcas@surgeons.org](mailto:dcas@surgeons.org) for updates.

The Course has been submitted to the RACS for approval within the CPD program. The CPD point allocation will be available at a later date.