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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Heslop Medal. 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

Approved by Council in June 2005, the Heslop Medal commemorates the work of Barbara and John Heslop in association with the Board of Basic Surgical Training and its predecessor bodies. It recognizes and rewards the contributions of members of the Board of Basic Surgical Training and its committees – particularly noting that many members of the Board and committees are not Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Barbara Heslop is a pathologist-immunologist who was involved with the Board of Basic Surgical Training and its predecessor bodies over a period of some thirty years. She and her husband John have promoted the Dunedin Basic Medical Science course since 1957. This course is now administered by a not-for-profit trust and continues to be a much sought after source of basic science learning. Barbara Heslop was awarded a FRACS for services to surgical science in 1975. In 1990 she was awarded the Louis Barnett Medal of the RACS jointly with her husband John. In the same year, she was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. In 1991, she was awarded a CBE.

John Heslop has had a similar involvement with the Board of Basic Surgical Training as has his wife Barbara. He has been associated with the University of Otago Medical School Department of Surgery in various roles over a number of years – in addition to being in private surgical practice in Dunedin. He was awarded the Louis Barnett Medal at the RACS jointly with Barbara Heslop in 1990 and in 1996 was awarded a CBE.

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5. BODY OF POLICY

- 5.1** The Heslop Medal is awarded to a person who has made a long-term (greater than 5 year's duration) and outstanding contribution to the Board of Basic Surgical Training and its committees.
- 5.2** The Heslop Medal may not be awarded every year.
- 5.3** When this award is presented, travel and accommodation are not provided by the College and costs will not be paid or re-imbursed by the College.

Approver Director
Authoriser Council