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## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of the Prince Henry's 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

Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne played a major role in surgical training until its closure in 1990 in recognition of the contribution of the hospital to their professional lives made by the hospital, the plastic and reconstruction surgeons established an award to acknowledge distinguished contributions to plastic surgery. This award to be known as the Prince Henry's Medal of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and takes the form of a gold medal.

## 5. BODY OF POLICY

### 5.1 Terms of Reference

The award shall be administered by the Prince Henry's Medal Committee. The membership of the Committee shall comprise:

- Plastic and Reconstructive Specialty Elected Councillor (Convenor)
- President, Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons
- President, New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons
- Chair, Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Plastic and Reconstructive Specialty Representative to Professional Development and Standards Board.

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One further member may be co-opted by the Committee, who shall be a Fellow of the College.

The Committee shall follow nominations procedures as set out by the College Awards Committee from time to time, the current version of which is included in Section 6 to this policy.

**5.2** The Committee shall select the recipient of the Medal according to the following guidelines:

“The award shall be for distinguished contributions to Plastic Surgery in the broadest sense and will include consideration of original contributions to the literature and to scientific meetings, academic achievements including research, teaching of undergraduates and postgraduates, intellectual leadership and the encouragement of others to the overall advancement of the highest ideals of Plastic Surgery.”

**5.3** The medal shall be accompanied by a citation, setting out the particular circumstances of its award.

**5.4** The Award may be made annually at the discretion of the Prince Henry's Medal Committee.

**5.5** The Award shall consist of a gold medal, having on the obverse a representation of the coat-of-arms of Prince Henry's Hospital, and on the reverse the words “*For Contributions to Plastic Surgery*” together with an inscription of the name of the recipient and the year of the award.

**5.6** 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 during the Annual Scientific Congress, registration at the ASC and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will not be paid or re-imbursed by the College.

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