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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the award of the RACS International Medal. It covers the application and selection criteria and process 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 it serves 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

The RACS International Medal was set up by the International Committee in 1998. The Medal is awarded in recognition of international service to surgery, education and special contributions. It is not necessarily awarded annually, but rather when an appropriate candidate is recommended to the International Committee and approved by the Awards Committee..

5. BODY OF POLICY

5.1 Criteria for the Award

The RACS International Medal is awarded to an Australian or New Zealand Fellow who has provided a significant and lasting contribution of an exceptional nature over a long period of time in the delivery or development of surgery for underprivileged communities overseas.

5.2 Frequency of Award

Nominations are to be called for on an annual basis. However, the Medal will only be awarded from time to time as appropriate. If no applicant meets the criteria in that particular year, then the Medal will not be awarded in that year.

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5.3 Role of the International Committee in the Award

The International Committee is the body responsible for calling for, and receiving nominations for the RACS International Medal.

5.4 Role of the International Committee Selection Panel

The International Committee Selection Panel, a sub-committee of the International Committee is convened to review nominations for the RACS International Medal.

5.5 Composition of the International Committee Selection Panel

The Panel should comprise of the Chairman of the International Committee, the two Executive Directors of Surgical Affairs and, to provide continuity for the process, a member of the previous Selection Panel.

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 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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