

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: RACS GLOBAL HEALTH SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER VASCULAR SURGERY – NAURU

### 1. CONTEXT

RACS Global Health provides specialist medical education, health system strengthening and health workforce capacity building programs across 15 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Our teams provide direct clinical services and clinical training and mentoring for clinical partners to build health workforce capacity, strengthen health systems and increase access to safe and affordable surgery in the region.

The Pacific Islands Program (PIP) is funded through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), aims to increase access to surgical care across 11 Pacific Island Countries by providing education and training to Pacific surgeons, nurses and other health workers and by supporting surgical teams to deliver surgeries locally. Partner countries are the Cook Islands, the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Tuvalu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Kiribati.

RACS implements the PIP in close collaboration with Fiji National University, the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Ministries of Health of the 11 Pacific Island Countries. Through the PIP, RACS has deployed 178 specialist medical volunteers (including surgeons, anaesthetists and specialist nurses and other health workers) to provide clinical services and support training and mentorship to Pacific surgical and other health workers. Visiting Medical Team (VMT) trips are based on the priority needs of Pacific Island Countries as specifically requested by in-country Ministries of Health and hospital teams. Through this experience, VMTs establish long standing collegial relationships and networks with in-country clinical team to support ongoing clinical collaboration and skills development.

### 2. OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

RACS Global Health is seeking expressions of interest from **Vascular Surgeons, Anaesthetists and Perioperative Nurses** to participate on a PIP VMT trip.

<b>Specialty:</b>	Vascular Surgery
<b>Location:</b>	Republic of Nauru (National) Hospital (RON Hospital)
<b>Expected assignment date:</b>	End of April 2022 – dates to be confirmed
<b>Duration:</b>	1-2 weeks depending on availability, plus 3-4 days quarantine in Brisbane before departure to Nauru and 5 days quarantine upon arrival to Nauru.
<b>Requirements:</b>	Applicants must have had 3 COVID-19 vaccinations

All travel, accommodation, transport, pre-trip medical checks and per diems are funded by RACS Global Health through the PIP. RACS also engages International SOS to provide health and security advice and support to our volunteers. RACS will cover the cost of all hotel quarantine.

### 3. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 3.1 Responsibilities Include:

##### **Clinical and surgical:**

Creation and repair of Arterio-Venous Fistulae for Dialysis of End Stage Renal Disease cases.

Possibility of other specialist cases.

##### **Capacity building:**

Mentoring and training of local surgical team including surgeon and perioperative nursing staff.

#### 3.2 Reporting Requirements and Clinical Due Diligence

Visiting Medical Teams (VMTs) are required to meet RACS Global Health's reporting requirements for each activity undertaken, including pre and post trip requirements. This includes collaboratively working

with the in-country clinical team to develop an activity plan, completing all duty of care processes and submitting a completed end of trip report on return to your home base. All RACS Global Health Specialist Volunteers are required to contribute where necessary to reporting. However, the Team Leader will be responsible for all final reporting documents.

### **3.3 Compliance requirements**

RACS is a child safe organisation. All Global Health volunteers and staff are required to meet RACS' minimum compliance standards. These include but are not limited to:

- National criminal record checks
- Signing of RACS suite of policies including Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct
- Successful completion of Global Health e-learning modules

## **4. REQUIRED COMPETENCIES**

Specialist Medical Volunteers must:

- be a qualified professional and be registered with the relevant medical authority to practice the speciality in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand;
- have strong technical and medical expertise in specialty area with a patient-centred focus;
- demonstrate commitment to assisting the host country to meet their health and medical training needs;
- have demonstrated experience in training, mentoring others and skills in capacity development;
- have the ability to work collaboratively to optimise teamwork and cross-cultural awareness; and
- have experience working internationally or a strong interest in international development and global health

## **5. HOW TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

If you have any questions or are interesting in applying to be a RACS Global Health Specialist Volunteer, please send your application to [volunteer@surgeons.org](mailto:volunteer@surgeons.org). Please note that applications close 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Please include:

- CV and qualifications
- AHPRA/New Zealand Medical Council registration
- A brief cover letter addressing the required competencies
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations