
ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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The role of surgeons in health advocacy

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This year, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will host the ACT Annual Scientific Meeting on 27 October 2018 at the Australian National University, Medical School.

The annual event, centred on the role of surgeons in health advocacy, will include a number of presentations from both national and international speakers and will attract more than 100 Fellows, Trainees, and International Medical Graduates.

Joining delegates this year will be ACT Minister for Health Meegan Fitzharris who will share her views on how surgeons can meaningfully progress improvements in healthcare, and better collaboration between administrators and clinicians.

Ms Cathy Ferguson, RACS Vice President and Otolaryngologist Head & Neck Surgeon from Wellington, New Zealand, will present *Advocacy in surgery – how do we make a difference?* which will analyse the College's advocacy priorities for the coming year that include enabling a more flexible workforce, ensuring the sustainability of healthcare and increasing and strengthening our Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori specialists.

Sponsors include (Gold) Medtronic, and (Silver) Applied Medical, Bank of Queensland, Getinge, KCI Medical, MDA National and Sanofi.

Hosted by the ACT branch of RACS, this event will attract medical professionals eager to gain education, vocational and professional support in advocacy and health promotion.

[Download the official program](#)

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About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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