



Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons

CPD Activity Guide 2026

*Everything you need to make
planning for your CPD easier,
clearer and more rewarding.*



Welcome to your CPD Activity Guide

The RACS CPD Activity Guide has been developed for members to make planning, selecting and completing activities for your CPD easier, clearer and more rewarding with RACS. The activities in this guide are in alphabetical order.

A snapshot of annual requirements of the RACS CPD Program is outlined in the table below:

	Australia	Aotearoa New Zealand
CPD Plan	Yes	
Annual Conversation	Optional	Yes
Specialist High-Level Requirement (ANZASM)	Yes	Not applicable
Audit	10 hours	
Performance Review (Self & Others)	15 hours	
Education	25 hours	
CAPE	Yes	

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CPD CATEGORY - AUDIT

ANZELA-QI

ANZELA-QI has been established for the purpose of providing hospitals with contemporary data to support local initiatives to improve the quality of patient care relating to the management of the acute abdomen.

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AUDIENCE Fellows; Specialist International Medical Graduates

COST No cost

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ACTIVITY TYPE Selected Audit

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CAPE -

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SURGICAL COMPETENCIES

- Medical Expertise
- Technical Expertise
- Judgement and Clinical Decision-making

DATES All Year

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Morbidity Audit Logbook Tool (MALT)

The RACS Morbidity Audit and Logbook tool (MALT) is a logbook tool used to electronically log procedures, conduct self-audit and peer-review audit.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Audit - Logbook

CAPE

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Surgical competencies

- Judgement and Clinical Decision Making
- Medical Expertise
- Technical Expertise

Dates

All year

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Australian and New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit – Quality Improvement (ANZELA-QI)

ANZELA-QI has been established for the purpose of providing hospitals with contemporary data to support local initiatives to improve the quality of patient care relating to the management of the acute abdomen.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Selected Audit
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Medical Expertise • Technical Expertise
Date	All year
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Australian and New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality (ANZASM)

The Australian and New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality (ANZASM) is a national surgical mortality audit program fulfilling the criteria of an audit process in that it is independent, external, peer-reviewed, systematic, routine, objective and confidential.



Audience Surgeons, Anesthetists (limited)

Cost Free

Activity type ANZASM/CHASM Form

CAPE -

Surgical competencies

- Medical Expertise
- Technical Expertise

Date All year

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Surgeon's Wellbeing Module

The Surgeon's Wellbeing Module covers challenges for surgeons, the shared responsibility for wellbeing, key resources and support options. This activity encourages surgeons to consider how the hours worked can impact overall wellbeing.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Online Activities

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- Professionalism

Dates

All year

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Pathway to Surgery

Pathway to Surgery is a one-day workshop designed for medical students and junior doctors to develop hands-on skills and learn how to progress to the next stage of their career.



Audience	Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	\$110 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Scholarship and Teaching
Date and location	Sat 18 Apr 2026 Launceston, TAS

Research Paper Awards

The Research Papers Awards provides a forum for medical students, registrars and Trainees to submit their research papers and present to their peers.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Conferences/Scientific Meetings
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaboration and Teamwork• Communication• Leadership and Management• Professionalism• Scholarship and Teaching
Date/Location	Fri 20 Nov 2026 RACS Melbourne, VIC

Developing a Surgical Career

Developing a Surgical Career is a one-day workshop for medical students and junior doctors to develop hands-on skills and information about becoming a surgeon.



Audience	Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	\$120 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Medical Expertise • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	Sat 11 Apr, Melbourne, VIC Sat 18 Jul, Melbourne, VIC

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ACT Annual Scientific Meeting

A one-day themed conference designed to bring the ACT and NSW regional surgical community together. In 2026 the theme is 'A New Chapter at Old Parliament House - Health equity from the nation's capital'.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc; Med Std; Allied Health

Cost

\$160 (AUD)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Addressing Health Inequities;
Ethical Practice

Surgical competencies

- Communication
- Health Advocacy
- Leadership and Management
- Medical Expertise
- Professionalism

Date / Location

Fri 14 Aug 2026
Old Parliament House
Canberra, ACT

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Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)

The Advanced Trauma Life Support ®(ATLS®) course teaches a systematic, concise approach to the care of a trauma patient, providing a safe and reliable method for immediate management of injured patients in the first one to two hours following injury.



Audience

**SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec;
Pre-Voc 2+**

Cost

Provider Course
\$3620 (AUD)
\$4050 (NZD)
Refresher Course
\$2690 (AUD)
\$3010 (NZD)

Activity type

Course attendance

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Communication**
- **Judgement and Clinical Decision Making**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Medical Expertise**
- **Professionalism**
- **Technical Expertise**

Dates/Location

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Australian and New Zealand Surgical Skills Education and Training (ASSET)

The Australian and New Zealand Surgical Skills Education and Training (ASSET) course provides an educational package of generic surgical skills that is a compulsory aspect of surgical training in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.



Audience	SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc
Cost	\$4350 (AUD) \$4865 (NZD)
Activity type	Course attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>

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Annual Scientific Congress

The Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) 2026 marks the 94th RACS ASC and promises to be an inspiring and future-focused event, uniting surgeons, scientists, innovators, and thought leaders from across the surgical and broader healthcare ecosystem.

In 2026, the theme is The Art and Science of Collaboration.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

See [ASC website](#)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Cultural Safety; Addressing Health Inequities; Professionalism; Ethical Practice

Surgical competencies

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Communication
- Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety
- Health Advocacy
- Judgement and Clinical Decision Making
- Leadership and Management
- Medical Expertise
- Professionalism
- Scholarship and Teaching
- Technical Expertise

Date

Thurs 30 April - Sun 3 May 2026

Location

Perth, WA

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Australian and New Zealand Audit of Surgical Mortality (ANZASM) Seminars

ANZASM convenes workshops and seminars on various topics, utilising the extensive information learned to promote safer healthcare practices.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>



Biennial Western Australia South West General Surgery Conference

A two-day themed conference bringing together the General Surgery community from across regional and metropolitan WA.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre Voc; Med Std; Allied Health
Cost	\$210 (AUD)
Activity type	Conferences/Scientific Meetings
CAPE	Addressing Health Inequities; Ethical Practice; Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Health Advocacy • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	Fri 6 – Sun 8 Nov 2026, Saltwater Busselton, WA

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Cadaver Workshop

Designed and delivered by RACS Fellows, the workshop provides hands-on training with sessions in:

- General Surgery
- Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Urology.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std
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Cost	\$550 (AUD) per session \$1500 (AUD) all sessions
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Activity type	Course
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CAPE	-
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Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Medical Expertise • Technical Expertise
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Date	Sun 28 Jun - Tues 30 Jun 2026
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Location	UTAS, Hobart Campus Hobart, TAS
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Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP)

The Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP®) course assists doctors in developing simple, useful skills for managing critically ill patients, and promotes the coordination of multidisciplinary care where appropriate.



Audience	SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc 3+
Cost	\$4130 (AUD) \$4620 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>



Critical Literature Evaluations and Research (CLEAR)

The Critical Literature Evaluations and Research (CLEAR) course provides tools to undertake critical appraisal of surgical literature and to assist surgeons in the conduct of clinical trials. These 'hands on' courses aim to make the language and methodology relevant to surgeons in their practice.



Audience	SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc
Cost	\$2,155 (AUD) \$2,410 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Collaboration and Teamwork • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism
Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>

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Cultural Safety Workshop

The Cultural Safety Workshop is a four-hour workshop designed to introduce concepts of cultural safety, cultural competence and how these can be embedded into a surgeon's practice.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

\$75 (AUD)

Activity type

Course

CAPE

Cultural Safety; Addressing Health Inequity

Surgical competencies

- Communication
- Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety
- Health Advocacy

Date

Sat 4 Jul 2026

Location

RACS Melbourne, VIC

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Difficult Conversations with Underperforming Trainees

The Difficult Conversations with Underperforming Trainees course is designed to support Surgical Supervisors in conducting effective and practical conversations with Trainees who are not meeting the required standards, despite receiving prior feedback.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG
Cost	Members: \$500 (AUD)/\$535 (NZD) Non-members: \$600 (AUD)/ \$645 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Leadership and Management • Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	Mon 6 July - Fri 7 Aug 2026 Mon 21 Sept - Friday 23 Oct
	<u>More information</u>



Educator Studio Sessions

Each Educator Studio Session is a one-hour event, curated to help to provide a deeper understanding of the issues with themes and topics that matter in surgical education. Educator Studio Sessions are hosted in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Online Activities
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	<p>Tues 24 Mar 2026</p> <p>Future dates will be listed on the website below</p> <p><u>More Information</u></p>



Environmental Sustainability in Surgery

The course considers ways to address the relationship between surgery and climate change, including interviews with surgeons and Trainees who share their perspectives and experiences regarding environmentally sustainable surgical practice.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Advocacy
Dates	All year
	<u>More information</u>



Examiners Training Modules

The Examiner Training Modules explore the principles of ethical decision making, the four major types found in surgical practice and biases that may impact them.



Audience	FRACS, SIMG
Cost	Free for Court of Examiners
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism; Ethical Practice
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Professionalism
Dates	See RACS Examiners for more details
	More information



Facilitating Online

The Facilitating Online module is a self-directed course designed to provide you with the skills required to effectively facilitate online. This includes webinar planning and how to optimise your online facilitation environment.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee

Cost

Members: Free
Non-Members:
\$150 (AUD)/(NZD)

Activity type

Course Attendance

CAPE

-

Surgical competencies

- Scholarship and Teaching

Dates

All year

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Foundation Skills for Surgical Educators (FSSE)

The Foundation Skills for Surgical Educators (FSSE) course is an interactive introductory course designed to develop knowledge and skills necessary for surgical teaching and education. It explores teaching and learning concepts to enhance skills in surgical education and how to apply these principles to individual teaching contexts.



Audience	FRACS, SIMG
Cost	Members: Free Non-Members: \$600 (AUD)/ \$645 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	Mon 2 Feb - Sun 15 Mar 2026 Mon 30 Mar - Sun 10 May 2026 Mon 11 May - Sun 21 Jun 2026 Mon 18 May - Sun 28 Jun 2026 Mon 22 Jun - Sun 2 Aug 2026 Mon 10 Aug - Sun 20 Sept 2026 Mon 24 Aug - Sun 4 Oct 2026 Mon 7 Sept - Sun 18 Oct 2026 Mon 14 Sept - Sun 25 Oct 2026
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IMRA RoboStart Basic Robotic Simulation Course

The RoboStart Basic Robotic Simulation course is an advanced training program that is designed to enhance robotic surgery skills through hands-on practice. The course offers a comprehensive learning experience, combining theory alongside essential hands-on practice.



Audience	Pre-Voc
Cost	\$550 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>



IMRA Foundations of Robotic Surgery

The Foundations of Robotic Surgery course provides an introduction to the theory and principles of robotic surgery in preparation for safe robotic surgical practice.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee
Cost	\$1250 (AUD)
Activity type	Online Activities
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Medical Expertise • Technical Expertise
Dates/Locations	<u>More information</u>



Identifying and Addressing Microaggressions

The Identifying and Addressing Microaggressions module explores unacceptable workplace behaviour that is defined as 'microaggression'. It considers principles of microaggression, examples of microaggressions and provides the opportunity to reflect on individual workplace behaviour.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Course Attendance

CAPE

Cultural Safety; Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- **Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety**
- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Professionalism**

Dates

All year

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Introduction to Operating with Respect

This course is designed to improve knowledge and understanding of unacceptable behaviours, enabling surgeons to recognise when they occur and the adverse impact these have on individuals, team performance and patient safety.



Audience FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc

Cost Members: free
Non-members: \$60 (AUD)/\$65 (NZD)

Activity type Course Attendance

CAPE Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Communication
- Professionalism

Dates [More information](#)



Induction for Surgical Supervisors and Trainers

This course is designed to provide supervisors and trainers of SET with an introduction to their roles and responsibilities. It also supports them to provide high-quality education and training to RACS Trainees.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Course Attendance

CAPE

Surgical competencies

- Leadership and Management
- Scholarship and Teaching

Dates

Mon 23 Feb - Wed 18 Mar 2026
Mon 30 Mar - Thurs 23 Apr 2026
Mon 15 Jun - Tues 7 July 2026
Mon 7 Sept - Thurs 1 Oct 2026

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Intercultural Competency for Medical Specialists

The Intercultural Competency for Medical Specialists course introduces concepts relevant to understanding intercultural competency and how to incorporate this into practice.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Online Activities

CAPE

Cultural Safety

Surgical competencies

- Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety
- Health Advocacy

Dates

All year

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Keeping Trainees on Track

Keeping Trainees on Track is a self-paced course designed to provide SET supervisors and trainers with tools and frameworks to use when managing underperforming Trainees, to help them get back on track.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG
Cost	Members: Free Non-Members: \$250 (AUD)/ \$270 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Leadership and Management • Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	<u>More information</u>



Louis Barnett Prize

The prestigious Louis Barnett Prize recognises exceptional research that advances surgical knowledge and improves patient care. The prize honours Sir Louis Barnett CMG, a pioneering surgical researcher, RACS founder, and the first surgeon from Aotearoa New Zealand to serve as RACS President.



Audience

SET Trainee and FRACS within the first five (5) years of their Fellowship

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Committee Meetings

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- Professionalism
- Scholarship and Teaching

Dates

Entries open until 6 April

Finalists night 2 July

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Masterclass on Artificial Intelligence (QLD)

The webinar will explore how AI is transforming surgical care: from improving decision making and patient outcomes to streamlining workflows. Gain a deeper understanding of AI, incorporating it into your day-to-day practice and overcoming the uncertainty that often surrounds new technology. Hosted by Associate Professor Bhavesh Patel, FRACS.



Audience	Fellows, SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise
Date	Tues 21 Apr 2026
Location	Online
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NT/SA/WA Tristate Annual Scientific Meeting

This year's tri-state meeting will be held in Darwin, with a theme of 'Outreach and Reaching Out'. Connect, learn and engage with the surgical community.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

\$395 (AUD)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Cultural Safety; Addressing Health Inequities

Surgical competencies

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Health Advocacy
- Leadership and Management

Dates

Thurs 27 - Fri 28 Aug 2026

Location

Darwin Convention Centre,
Darwin, NT

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Operating with Respect (OWR)

The Operating with Respect (OWR) course is designed to deliver advanced training in recognising, managing and preventing discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment and to promote respectful, professional behaviour in surgical workplaces.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; RACS Committee Members

Cost

Members:
\$400 (AUD)/\$430 (NZD)*
Non-members:
\$650 (AUD)/\$700 (NZD)

*Refunded if course attended

Activity type

Course Attendance

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Communication**
- **Professionalism**

Dates/Locations

Fri 27 Mar, Melbourne, VIC
Mon 4 May, Perth, WA
Thurs 21 May, Brisbane, QLD
Thurs 18 Jun, Adelaide, SA
Thurs 30 Jul, Sydney, NSW
Sat 15 Aug, Wellington, AoNZ
Sat 29 Aug, Brisbane, QLD
Sat 31 Oct, Sydney, NSW
Sat 14 Nov, Melbourne, VIC

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Preparation for Practice Queensland

A one-day workshop aimed at new Fellows and final year Trainees about setting up private practice.



Audience	FRACS, SET Trainee
Cost	\$150 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise
Date and location	Sat 17 Oct 2026 RACS QLD Office, Kangaroo Point
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Preparation for Practice Victoria

A two-day workshop aimed at new Fellows and final year Trainees about setting up private practice.



Audience	FRACS, SET Trainee
Cost	\$300 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism; Ethical Practice
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Leadership and Management • Professionalism
Date/Location	Sat 15 Aug - Sun 16 Aug 2026 RACS Melbourne, VIC
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Preparation for SET

The Preparation for SET workshop is for registrars who are planning to apply to the RACS SET training program.



Audience	Pre-Voc
Cost	\$99 (AUD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
SURGICAL COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Leadership and Management • Scholarship and Teaching
Dates	Sat 28 Mar 2026
Location	John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle NSW
	<u>More information</u>



Queensland (QLD) State Conference

A one-day themed conference designed to bring the Queensland surgical community together.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

\$250 (AUD)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Leadership and Management
- Professionalism
- Scholarship and Teaching

Date/Location

Sat 8 Aug 2026
InterContinental Sanctuary Cove
Resort, Gold Coast, QLD

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Remote, Rural and Regional Professional Skills Course

The Remote, Rural and Regional Professional Skills Course provides the skills and knowledge required of surgeons caring for remote, rural and regional (RRR) people. This course has been designed for completion during an RRR training term.



Audience **Fellows; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc**

Cost **Members: Free**

Activity type **Course Attendance**

CAPE **Addressing Health Inequities;
Professionalism**

**Surgical
competencies**

- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Communication**
- **Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety**
- **Health Advocacy**
- **Judgement and Clinical Decision Making**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Professionalism**
- **Scholarship and Teaching**

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SA Papers Day

The RACS SA Papers Day provides a forum for medical students, registrars and Trainees to submit their research papers and present to their peers.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

-

Surgical competencies

- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Communication**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Professionalism**
- **Scholarship and Teaching**

Date/Location

**Fri 30 Oct 2026
RACS, Adelaide SA**

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Surgeons' Evening (NSW)

A night that celebrates surgical excellence for our surgical community in NSW.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	See website
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety • Health Advocacy • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Scholarship and Teaching • Technical Expertise
Date/Location	Sat 17 Sept 2026 RACS Offices, Sydney, NSW
	<u>More information</u>



Trainee Feedback

The Trainee Feedback course has been developed in response to Trainees' requests to assist them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively participate in feedback conversations.



Audience	SET Trainee
Cost	Members: Free Non-Members: \$60 (AUD)/\$65 (NZD)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Professionalism
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Health Advocacy • Professionalism
Dates	All year
	<u>More information</u>



Tasmanian Annual Scientific Meeting

A one-day themed conference designed to bring the Tasmanian surgical community together.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc; Allied Health; Med Std

Cost

\$300 (AUD)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Cultural Safety; Addressing Health Inequities

Surgical competencies

- Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety
- Leadership and Management
- Medical Expertise
- Professionalism

Date/Location

Sat 5 Sept 2026
Hobart, TAS

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Training in Professional Skills (TIPS)

The Training in Professional Skills (TIPS) course teaches patient-centred communication and team-oriented non-technical skills in a clinical context. Through simulation, participants address issues and events that occur in the clinical and operating theatre environment.



Audience	SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc 2+; Med Std
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Cost	\$4895 (AUD) \$5475 (NZD)
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Activity type	Course Attendance
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CAPE	Professionalism
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Surgical competencies

- **Communication**
- **Collaboration and Teamwork**
- **Judgement and Clinical Decision Making**
- **Professionalism**

Dates/Location	<u>More information</u>
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Transplant Section

Webinars

The RACS Transplant Section delivers a series of webinars that address clinical surgical scenarios in transplantation. They aim to increase visibility of transplant groups and the nature of the work that they do.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Online Activities
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Medical Expertise • Technical Expertise
Dates	Quarterly
	<u>More information</u>

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Trauma Grand Rounds (ANZAST)

The Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma (ANZAST) Trauma Grand Rounds are a series of live, online broadcasts presented bi-monthly with different keynote presenters sharing their experience and knowledge around carefully chosen topics.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Allied Health; Pre-Voc
Cost	Free
Activity type	Online Activities
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Medical Expertise • Professionalism
Dates	First Tuesday of every second month
	<u>More information</u>



Trauma Symposium

The annual symposium features keynote speakers and trauma care professionals from medicine, allied health, and surgery who discuss emerging topics and issues.



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Med Spec; Pre-Voc; Allied Health; Med Std

Cost

\$300 (AUD)

Activity type

Conferences/Scientific Meetings

CAPE

Professionalism; Ethical Practice

Surgical competencies

- Communication
- Health Advocacy
- Judgement and Clinical Decision Making
- Leadership and Management
- Medical Expertise
- Scholarship and Teaching

Dates/Location

Fri 4 Sept 2026
Hobart, TAS

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Women in Surgery

Microlearning Activity

Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus presents No Profession for a Lady: The Pioneering Women Surgeons of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. (2023)



Audience

FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std

Cost

Members: Free

Activity type

Online Activities

CAPE

Professionalism

Surgical competencies

Professionalism

Dates

All year

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Women in Leadership Webinar Series

The Women in Leadership webinars support the development of leadership skills in women. Past topics include Building entrepreneurship among women in surgery, Navigating the glass scalpel and Menopause and the surgical career.



Audience	FRACS; SIMG; SET Trainee; Pre-Voc; Med Std
Cost	Members: Free
Activity type	Online activities
CAPE	-
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Health Advocacy • Leadership and Management
Dates	Quarterly
	<u>More information</u>

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Younger Fellows Forum

Introduced in 1980 by Professor Richard Bennett FRACS the Younger Fellows Forum aims to develop leadership and performance skills for new consultants to thrive within surgical workforce and become leaders within their communities.



Audience	FRACS
Cost	Members: Free (limited places available)
Activity type	Course Attendance
CAPE	Cultural Safety; Addressing Health Inequities; Professionalism; Ethical Practice
Surgical competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Teamwork • Communication • Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety • Health Advocacy • Judgement and Clinical Decision Making • Leadership and Management • Medical Expertise • Professionalism • Scholarship and Teaching • Technical Expertise
Dates/Location	Mon 27 April - Wed 29 April 2026 Perth, WA
	<u>More information</u>

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Public Practice

Dr A FRACS



Dr A is a vascular surgeon in Brisbane (Australia) who works solely in the public sector within a busy trauma team.

CPD plan: Dr A completes their CPD plan using the online RACS template.

Audit: Dr A participates a clinical unit audit and has their data peer reviewed twice a year. They also participate in the Queensland Audit of Surgical Mortality (QASM) and completes all surgical case forms.

Education: Dr A completes the activities: Teaching students and Trainees, participating in topical webinars, journal reading and attendance at a trauma conference.

Performance review: Dr A regularly participates in clinical governance meetings (performance of self) and acts as a mentor to younger Fellows in the team (performance of others).

CAPE: Dr A meets this requirement by:

- completing mandatory training through their hospital on unconscious bias for Indigenous populations (cultural safety and addressing health inequities)
- Participating in a webinar via their medical defense organisation on informed consent (professionalism and ethical practice).

Private Practice

Dr B FRACS



Dr B is a colorectal surgeon from Christchurch (Aotearoa New Zealand) who works exclusively in private practice.

CPD plan: Dr B completes their CPD plan using the online RACS template.

Audit: Dr B participates in the Bi-national Colorectal Cancer Audit (BCCA). They also present data for peer review at an annual audit meeting with other practice partners and attend clinical governance meetings at a private hospital.

Education: Dr B participates in a local general surgery journal club; presents on colorectal surgical outcomes for Māori patients at a local Scientific Meeting; and attends meetings at the local Health and Disability Advocacy Service.

Performance review: Dr B participates in a multisource feedback review (performance of self) and provides peer review of clinical reports for a colleague (performance of others).

CAPE: Dr B meets this requirement by

- reviewing and presenting on Māori Health outcomes (Cultural Safety)
- participating in a multisource feedback review (professionalism) and advocating for patients through their work at the local Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Addressing Health Inequities; Ethical Practice).

Medico Legal and/or Report Writing

Dr C FRACS



CPD plan: Dr C completes their CPD plan using the online RACS template.

Audit: Dr C seeks out a peer to undertake a review three of their medical legal reports to satisfy the audit requirement.

Education: Dr C attends the RACS Training in Professional Skills (TIPS) and Cultural Safety Workshop. They attend an evening meeting on Impairment Assessment Guidelines, regularly reads peer reviewed journals and does occasional teaching sessions for the Law Society of South Australia.

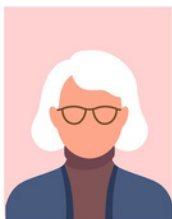
Performance review: Dr C claims an annual comprehensive health assessment for peer review of self and reviewing a peer's medico legal reports for performance review of others.

CAPE: Dr C meets this requirement by:

- attendance at a Cultural Safety Workshop (Cultural Safety, Addressing Health Inequities)
- attending an update on Impairment Assessment Guidelines (Professionalism; Ethical Practice).

Teaching Only

Professor D FRACS



CPD Plan: Professor D completes their CPD Plan using the RACS online template.

Audit: Professor D's practice is limited to teaching and examining. They use a structured review and reflection of student evaluations as their audit.

Education: Professor D meets this requirement through journal reading and RACS online activities.

Performance review: Professor D claims an end of semester faculty review (performance of self) and acting as an examiner (performance of others).

CAPE: Professor D meets this requirement by:

- structured reading and reflection on health disparities in lower socio-economic areas and Indigenous populations (Cultural Safety, Addressing Health Inequities)
- participating in RACS online activities that focus on wellbeing and consent (Professionalism, Ethical Practice).

Prescribing/Referral Only

Dr E FRACS



Dr E is a urology surgeon from Port Macquarie (Australia) who no longer undertakes any clinical or non-clinical work. They maintain their registration so that they can prescribe to family and provide referrals.

To meet the recency of practice standard, Dr E needs to be in practice for a minimum of four weeks full time equivalent (FTE) (152 hours) in one year or 12 weeks full time equivalent (FTE) (456 hours) over three consecutive years.

If Dr E is unable to meet this threshold, they do not meet the minimum practice standard and are likely ineligible to maintain their registration when assessed against regulatory standards.

RACS (or any other accredited CPD home) is unable to provide an abridged CPD Program to surgeons in these circumstances as it would be in breach of the regulatory standards.

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Attending an Educator Studio Session
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*Supervision and
examining: A powerful
way to give back, grow
professionally, and
support the future of
surgery.*

The pro bono contributions made by RACS Fellows in training and examinations play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of surgeons across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Your expertise doesn't just strengthen the profession, it also enhances your own CPD.

By serving as an examiner and/or supervisor, you meaningfully contribute to your annual CPD while making a lasting impact on surgical standards and patient care.

As an examiner and/or a supervisor, your CPD will be updated by the RACS team in the following categories:



Examiners

Performance review of others

- acting as an Examiner (up to 15 hours)

Education

- attendance at examiner training workshops
- development of education materials (up to 15 hours)
- attendance at relevant committee meeting
- journal reading (up to 15 hours)
- research activities (up to 15 hours).

Supervisors

Performance review of self

- student evaluation

Performance Review of Others

- SET Assessment (up to 10 hours)
- teaching – SET and Students (up to 20 hours)

Education

- mentor/coach (up to 15 hours)
- clinical supervision (up to 15 hours)
- journal reading (up to 15 hours).



Where local knowledge fuels your growth

RACS has offices throughout Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, providing local expertise and on-the-ground support for surgeons at every stage of their careers. Whether you're establishing a new practice or navigating local challenges, our dedicated teams offer tailored guidance and practical insight. We work closely with you, as members, focusing on making your CPD journey easier through engagement and on the ground events tailored to your journey. We deliver customised activities and programs that reflect your country, state or territory, your practice, and your aspirations.



A community that invests in your future

A career in surgery is challenging, rewarding, and constantly evolving, and you don't have to navigate it alone. When you train with RACS, you join a community committed to your development, not just as a surgeon, but as a leader in healthcare through:

- dedicated trainee support networks
- connection with supervisors, educators and advisors who understand the challenges of training.
- wellbeing and professional support services
- access to confidential resources to help you manage workload, stress and career pressures.
- Guidance on assessments, progression and pathways
- clear information and tailored support as you navigate training milestones.

From entry into SET to Fellowship and every milestone in between, RACS is by your side with the skills, support and guidance you need to thrive.



*Your
professional
community
awaits*

RACS offers a strong network of sections and interest groups designed to support your professional growth, strengthen your surgical interests, and amplify your voice across the surgical profession.

Clinical and specialty-focused groups

- Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Endocrine Surgery
- Pain Medicine and Surgery
- Surgical Oncology
- Transplant Surgery
- Trauma
- Upper GI, HPB and Obesity Surgery

Professional development, leadership and education

- Academic Surgery
- Medico-Legal
- Surgical Leaders

Equity, community and advocacy

- Environmental Sustainability in Surgical Practice
- Indigenous Health
- Rural Surgery
- Women in Surgery
- Career Stage Groups
- Younger Fellows

Special interest and heritage groups

- Military Surgery
- History, Heritage and Archives

International collaboration

- ANZ Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

Whether you're looking to deepen your clinical expertise, build leadership capability, drive advocacy, or connect with peers who share your passion, there's a place for you within RACS.

Glossary

FRACS - Fellow of the Royal Australaian College of Surgeon

SIMG - Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG)

SET Trainee - Trainee in the RACS Surgical Training Program

Pre-Voc - Pre-Vocational Doctor

Med Std - Medical Student

Med Spec - Medical Specialist

Allied Health - Allied Health Professional