

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	TOR-3036
Department:	Policy and Advocacy		
Title:	Sustainability in Healthcare Working Group		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

These terms of reference establish the Sustainability in Healthcare Working Group.

2. KEYWORDS

Sustainability, Excessive Fees, Clinical Variance, Health Expenditure, Healthcare

3. BODY OF POLICY

The Sustainability in Healthcare Working Group contributes to the development of strategies that focus on the long term provision of high quality healthcare that is affordable and financially sustainable. The Working Group has a broad scope that includes but is not limited to; access to services, cost effective use of resources, public and private sector engagement and improved integration of surgical services within the healthcare sector.

3.1. Duties and Responsibilities

- 3.1.1. To consider and make recommendations to the Professional Development and Standards Board on matters relating to accessibility, quality of care and financial sustainability of the healthcare sector.
- 3.1.2. To engage industry, healthcare and government agencies to develop robust administrative data sets that can be used by Fellows to undertake a review of their clinical practice in relation to their surgical peers.
- 3.1.3. To explore strategies that supports the expansion of the RACS' engagement with key stakeholders.
- 3.1.4. To review existing strategies on matters pertaining to accessibility to affordable healthcare, patient safety, integration of patient care, cost effective use of medicines and procedures.
- 3.1.5. 12 month limited time frame.

3.2. Powers

The Sustainability in Healthcare Working Group will have powers to make recommendations to the Professional Development and Standards Board in relation to objectives, duties and responsibilities listed above, including decisions regarding policies, position statements and strategic objectives.

3.3. Composition and Size

- 3.3.1. Membership and invitees shall consist of:
 - Chair, Professional Standards Committee (Chair)
 - Chair, Professional Development and Standards Board
 - Two RACS Councillors, nominated by Professional Development and Standards Board
 - Two members of the Professional Development and Standards Board
 - Other Fellows may be co-opted to the Working Group as required.
 - Representatives from external organisations may be co-opted to the Working Group as required
 - Chair shall be nominated by Professional Development and Standards Board
 - Appointment shall be for a period of 12 months

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3.3.2. In attendance:

- Executive Director for Surgical Affairs, Australia
- Executive Director for Surgical Affairs, New Zealand
- Surgical Director, Research and Evaluation
- Executive General Manager, Fellowship Engagement
- General Manager, Research, Audit and Academic Surgery
- Manager, Policy and Advocacy

3.4. Tenure and Method of Appointment

Working Group members will be appointed by the Professional Development and Standards Board and their tenure will be for 12 months.

3.5. Meetings

The Working Group shall convene at least two meetings per annum either by teleconference or face to face when the opportunity arises.

3.6. Quorum

A quorum shall be a voting majority of the membership of the Working Group.

3.7. Accountability and Reporting Structure

The Sustainability in Healthcare Working Group will report via the Professional Development and Standards Board.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

No documents associated with this policy.

Approver Professional Development and Standards Board
Authoriser Council