1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The policy details the awarding of the RP Jepson Medal.

2. KEYWORDS
RP Jepson, Medal, Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

3. BODY OF POLICY
The RP Jepson Medal is a medal presented during the SA, NT & WA Annual Scientific Meeting or during a papers’ day held at the College in SA if the ASM is not held in South Australia. The recipient receives a medal engraved with his/her name and year of the award.

The Chair will request papers from the nine surgical specialties and the teaching hospitals within South Australia. Presenters must be prepared to travel to WA or NT, should the meeting be held outside of South Australia.

Background
The RP Jepson Medal is in honour of Professor R.P. Jepson, a distinguished vascular surgeon and an important figure in the history of the University of Adelaide Medical School.

Professor R.P. Jepson MCChB,, BSc,, FRCS (Eng), FRACS, (1918-1980.)

Richard Pomfret Jepson was born in Accrington, a cotton and market town some 50 km from Manchester. He studied Medicine at the Manchester University and graduated in 1941. After graduation, his first appointment was as house surgeon to Sir Geoffrey Jefferson at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and received basic neurosurgical training from Sir Hugh Cairns and he became a member of the No. 5 Neurosurgical Unit serving in North Africa and Italy.

After the war he returned to Manchester to Professor Boyd’s surgical department, first as a tutor in 1947, a year later as a lecturer and a reader in 1951. He became noted for his surgical expertise and his research on Raynaud’s syndrome, the effects of vibrating tools and other physical or chemical stimuli on the peripheral circulation. He began to regularly publish his work and continued to publish throughout his career.

In 1958 he accepted the appointment as the Foundation Professor in Surgery at the University of Adelaide in South Australia.

The newly built Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) was his first base. His research resulted in the first Australian renal transplant from a living donor.

He then moved to the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) and served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for two years. He resigned as Chair after 10 years but continued to serve the RAH as a senior visiting vascular surgeon until 1976.

As he had in Britain, he participated in the formation of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia. The founding members were the seven Professors of Surgery from Australia and New Zealand. R.P. Jepson was the Society’s first President.
3.1. Eligibility

The medal is open to

- A Medical student attending a Medical School in South Australia.
- A Junior Doctor, intern or Service Registrar and or Medical Officer
- A trainee actively participating in the SET program (including interrupted training for the purpose of undertaking research)
- An IMG on a pathway to Fellowship or
- A Fellow who has obtained their FRACS within the last two years

The research work that forms the basis of the paper must have been undertaken in South Australia by the applicant in the last 12 months.

3.2. Awarding of the Medal

3.2.1. Three judges are appointed by the South Australian State Committee.

3.2.2. Each paper is rated from 1 to 5 on the following:

- Presentation skills
- Use of Audio Visual Equipment
- Research Content
- Clinical Relevance
- Originality

3.2.3. A unanimous decision is to be reached for the medal to be awarded.

3.2.4. Should it be deemed that none of the presented papers were of a standard worthy of the medal, it is then not awarded.

3.2.5. The winner is announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Procedure – RP Jepson Medal and Justin Miller Prize

Approver: CEO
Authoriser: Council