

WA Papers Day 2025

Gordon Baron-Hay Award

Call for abstracts

The call for abstracts is now open.

Accepted abstracts will be presented as an oral PowerPoint presentation. Should your paper be accepted, it is expected that you will attend in person to present on the day.

The Gordon Baron-Hay Award will be granted to the best paper on the day. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event.

Event details

WA Papers Day

Date: Friday 31 October 2025

Time: TBA

Venue: RACS WA State Office, Suite 1 Ground Floor, 216 Stirling Hwy, Claremont

Important dates

- **25 Jun 2025** Abstract submissions open
- **29 Aug 2025** **Abstract submissions close 11:59pm AWST**
- **8 Sep 2025** Notification of acceptance
- **17 Oct 2025** PowerPoint presentation due
- **31 Oct 2025** Abstract presentation (WA Papers Day & Gordon Baron-Hay Award presented)

Abstract submission is open to

- Medical students in medical schools in Western Australia
- Junior doctors, interns, service registrars, medical officers
- SET Trainees (including those on research pathways)
- SIMGs on the pathway to Fellowship
- Fellows who obtained their FRACS within the last 2 years

Abstract submission guidelines

- Abstracts must not exceed 250 words.
- Abstracts must be typed, single spaced, with a clear typeface.
- Titles should be in capitals and underlined and placed at the top of the abstract.
- Author's name should be in capitals, with the name of the presenter indicated by an asterisk (*).

- Degrees and positions in departments should not be included, but the origin of the work should be stated.
- The abstract must be clear and brief.
- Statements should, in general, be impersonal and the first person “I” and “We” avoided.
- Accepted abstracts will be presented at WA Papers Day as an oral PowerPoint presentation. Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes with 3 minutes for questions.

Abstracts should be organised as follows

- **Purpose of study.** Why was the study performed?
- **A brief statement of methods.** How was the study done?
- **A summary of the results adequate to support conclusions.** What did you find?
- **Conclusions.**

Abstract submission

- If you wish to submit more than one abstract, please rank your abstracts in order of preference. In view of time constraints, only 20 abstracts will be included in the program. These will be chosen on merit.
- Please note that paper copies will not be accepted, nor will abstracts be submitted by event organisers on behalf of authors.
- Please submit your abstract in text format.
- The closing date for all abstract submission considerations is **11:59 pm AWST Friday 29 August 2025**. Abstracts submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
- **Submit your abstracts by email to college.wa@surgeons.org**

Enquiries

Please forward enquires to the RACS WA State Office by email college.wa@surgeons.org or 08 6389 8600.

Gordon Baron-Hay Award

Professor Gordon Baron-Hay was a well-known and highly respected Paediatric Surgeon, who was dedicated in the training of surgeons in Western Australia. Professor Baron-Hay was the Chair of the WA State Committee from 1993–1995 and was a committed committee member for nine years. The Gordon Baron-Hay medal is awarded to the best paper presented at WA Papers Day.