

# Developing a Career in Academic Surgery

Monday 5 May 2014, 7:00am – 4:00pm

SANDS EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
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## Provisional Program

7:00am Registration and Breakfast  
7:15am Welcome . . . . . *Michael Hollands (President, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons)*  
Introduction

### SESSION 1: A CAREER IN ACADEMIC SURGERY 7:30am - 9:00am

**Chairs: Sandra Wong (Ann Arbor, USA) and Christobel Saunders (Perth)**

What is a career in academic surgery? . . . . . *Philip Crowe (Sydney)*  
Academic Surgery – the essentials  
1. Research – How to get research started – ideas, grants, ethics and collaboration. . . . *Timothy Pawlik (Baltimore, USA)*  
2. Teaching, leadership, administration. . . . . *Julie Ann Sosa (Durham, USA)*

### 9:00am MORNING TEA

9:15am **HOT TOPIC IN ACADEMIC SURGERY - Comparative Effectiveness Research** . . . . . *Caprice Greenberg (Madison, USA)*  
**Chair: John Windsor (Auckland)**

### SESSION 2: CAREER DEVELOPMENT 9:40am - 11:20am

**Chairs: Julie Ann Sosa (Durham, USA) and Philip Crowe (Sydney)**

9:40am I want to be an academic surgeon. What can I do as a:  
Medical Student . . . . . *Arthur Richardson (Sydney)*  
Trainee – The pros and cons of fulltime surgical research during training. . . . . *Tarik Sammour (Auckland)*  
Fellow . . . . . *Vincent Lam (Sydney)*  
Consultant. . . . . *Mark Smithers (Brisbane)*

### 11:20am LUNCH with the faculty and small discussion groups

12:20pm **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP** . . . . . *Carlos Pellegrini (President, American College of Surgeons)*

### SESSION 3: CONCURRENT ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS 1:00pm - 2:40pm

#### Workshop 1: Tools of the Trade

**Chairs: Julie Ann Sosa (Durham, USA) and Wendy Brown (Melbourne)**

Bedside to bench to bedside  
*John Windsor (Auckland)*  
Basic science  
*Michelle Locke (Auckland)*  
Randomised clinical trials  
*David Watson (Adelaide)*  
Outcomes research  
*Niraj Gusani (Hershey, USA)*  
Surgical education and research  
*Stephen Tobin (Dean of Education, RACS)*

#### Workshop 2: Career Development Q & A

**Chairs: Caprice Greenberg (Madison, USA) and Russell Gruen (Melbourne)**

Multiple faculty  
*Frank Frizelle (Christchurch)*  
*Michelle Locke (Auckland)*  
*Timothy Pawlik (Baltimore, USA)*  
*Henry Pleass (Sydney)*  
*Andre van Rij (Dunedin)*  
*Wei Zhou (California, USA)*  
*Attendees to bring along their own current or past research challenges for a masterclass with the faculty*

#### Workshop 3: Presenting Your Work

**Chairs: Guy Maddern (Adelaide) and Ian Bennett (Brisbane)**

Writing an abstract  
*Julie Margenthaler (St Louis, USA)*  
Writing a paper  
*Timothy Pritts (Cincinnati, USA)*  
Presenting a paper  
*Sandra Wong (Ann Arbor, USA)*  
The ANZ Journal of Surgery – What the Editor wants and where the Journal is going  
*John Harris (Sydney)*

### 2:40pm AFTERNOON TEA

### SESSION 4: A CAREER IN ACADEMIC SURGERY 3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Chairs: Timothy Pawlik (Baltimore, USA) and Frank Frizelle (Christchurch)**

3:00pm Choosing and being a mentor . . . . . *Andrew Hill (Auckland)*  
3:20pm Work-life balance. . . . . *Julie Howle (Sydney)*  
3:40pm On the shoulders of giants . . . . . *Russell Gruen (Melbourne)*

## Registration Cost: A\$255.00 per person

Register online at [www.racsanzca2014.com](http://www.racsanzca2014.com) or email [dcas@surgeons.org](mailto:dcas@surgeons.org) for a registration form.

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**NOTE: New RACS Fellows presenting for graduation in 2014 will be required to marshal at 3.30pm for the Convocation Ceremony.**

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