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The Alfred General Surgery Meeting 2015

"Practical Updates for General Surgeons"

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the fourth General Surgery Meeting of The Alfred Hospital, Practical Updates for General Surgeons.

The meeting is a biennial one for general surgeons and will be held at the Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, 65 Queens Road, Albert Park on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October 2015.

The theme of the meeting is Practical Updates for General Surgeons highlighting how I do it sessions and updates on controversial important and common areas. The organising committee have put together an outstanding program which should appeal to all general surgeons regardless of their subspecialties.

The invited speakers include Professor David Flum, Professor of Surgery, Gastro-intestinal Surgery, University Washington, Seattle, USA; Associate Professor Andrew Spillane, Surgical Oncologist, Breast Cancer and Melanoma Surgery, Sydney and Professor Jonathan Fawcett, Hepatobiliary and General Surgery, Brisbane, as well as an extensive local faculty from The Alfred Hospital who will provide additional perspectives to the presentations and panel discussions.

The meeting has been scheduled to enable delegates to go on to enjoy the long weekend in Melbourne with the option to attend Derby Day and the Melbourne Cup.

We would like to acknowledge the invaluable support provided by the industry, in particular our major sponsors including Covidien (Platinum Sponsor), Johnson & Johnson Medical (Gold Sponsor), Applied Medical (Silver Sponsor) and W.L. Gore & Associates (Bronze Sponsor).

We look forward to welcoming you once again to The Alfred General Surgery Meeting Practical Updates for General Surgeons.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Anterior resection – how to avoid common pitfalls
• Burns and the general surgeon
• Dealing with the complications of mesh in the abdomen and the role of component separation
• Laparoscopic band versus gastric sleeve surgery for obesity – A debate
• Is there still a role for elective colectomy in diverticulitis?
• The role of antibiotics in appendicitis and the management of an appendiceal phlegmon
• Does cholangiography really prevent bile duct injury?
• Cigarette smoking and surgical outcomes – Does cessation help?
• Latest ATA guidelines on the management of thyroid nodules
• Abdominal compartment syndrome and laparostomy - their current place
• Large hiatal hernias – to do or not to do?
• Incurable Stage 4 colorectal cancer – What to do with the primary?
• New therapies in advanced melanoma
• Latest trends in breast cancer management
• Current management paradigms for splenic injuries
• Abdominal pain following Bariatric Surgery
• Rectal prolapse – how to manage in 2015

MEETING DINNER

Friday 30 October 2015, 7:00pm
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
Pier Road, St Kilda, Victoria

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Dr Jonathan Fawcett graduated with honours from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK where he undertook his early surgical training. After moving to the University of Oxford as a graduate student in molecular biology at Balliol College he was awarded a DPhil in the early 90s and completed surgical training while appointed as a Lecturer in the Nuffield Department of Surgery working for Professor Sir Peter Morris. In 1996 he was appointed as a Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the University of Queensland and moved to Australia. He worked with Professor Russell Strong in the Hepatobiliary unit and Queensland Liver Transplant Service at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Royal Childrens Hospital. Currently, Professor Fawcett is Chairman of HPB surgery at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Director of the Queensland Liver Transplant Service. He chairs the Liver and Intestinal Transplant Advisory Committee of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand. As a surgeon who still does on-call general surgery, he is a member of the Court of Examiners in General Surgery of the RACS. His clinical practice encompasses all aspects of HPB surgery and liver transplantation with a particular interest in the management of hepatocellular cancer.

Dr David Flum is a gastrointestinal surgeon and outcomes researcher at the University of Washington. He holds the rank of Professor in the Schools of Medicine, Public Health, and Pharmacy, and serves as the Director of the Surgical Outcomes Research Center (SORCE) and Associate Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery. He earned a Masters Degree in Public Health in the field of health services research while in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Washington. Dr Flum is an internationally recognized surgical epidemiologist and outcomes researcher – a leader in bridging clinical care and public health issues. His work is aimed at improving healthcare by studying the impact of interventional care by identifying processes of care that work helping increase their use. Dr Flum serves as the Program Director of the NIDDK-funded, post-doctoral T32 training program in surgical outcomes research and is Principal Investigator for several research studies evaluating the mechanisms, impact and/or outcomes of surgery on obesity and diabetes. This includes the Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery study (the first NIH-funded study evaluating efficacy and effectiveness in Bariatric Surgery), Mechanisms of Glycemic Improvement after Gastrointestinal Surgery, Feasibility, Efficacy, and Mechanisms of Surgical vs. Medical Diabetes Treatment, the Bariatric Outcomes and Obesity Modeling project (a multi-disciplinary Department of Defense-funded study evaluating the health policy and economic impact of bariatric operations), and the Calorie Reduction Or Surgery: Seeking Remission for Obesity and Diabetes project (an RCT of surgery and best medical therapy for diabetes, funded by the NIDDK). He is Medical Director of CERTAIN (http://www.becertain.org), a patient-centered research network focused on conducting comparative studies of healthcare treatments and technology. Dr Flum also was the founder and Medical Director (2005-2011) and currently serves as Research and Development Lead of the Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP). SCOAP is a quality of care improvement program providing hospital-specific data feedback and best practices regarding processes of care and outcomes to over 55 Washington State hospitals. He sits on the editorial boards of Surgery and the British Journal of Surgery and was Chair of the American College of Surgeons’ Surgical Research Committee from 2008-2013. In 2011, Dr Flum was appointed to the Methodology Committee of the federal Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

Andrew Spillane is Associate Professor of Surgical Oncology at The University of Sydney, Northern Clinical School. He specialises in the surgical management of melanoma, breast cancer and soft tissue tumours. Andrew is currently a senior surgeon with Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA), and a VMO at the Mater, Royal North Shore and North Shore Private Hospitals. Andrew’s current research interests investigate issues around quality assurance in surgery, safe introduction of new surgical techniques and promoting clinical trial involvement by surgeons. He is involved in clinical and translational research on aspects of breast cancer and melanoma. He has authored 95 peer reviewed publications and authored 2 book chapters. He is President of Breast Surgeons Society of Australia and New Zealand Inc., a member of the ANZBCTG Locoregional Management Subcommittee, a member of the Executive of the ANZMTG and Chair of the Breast and Endocrine Surgical Department at the Mater Hospital. He lectures and teaches students at the University of Sydney’s, Northern Clinical School.
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Mr Christopher Atkin is a Senior Trauma Surgeon and General Surgeon, Upper Gastrointestinal Service, The Alfred Hospital. Since appointment in 1984 as a Consultant General Surgeon at the Alfred he has worked in all of the General Surgical Units and the Trauma Service.

Mr Stephen Bell completed his medical degree at Monash University in 1991, and trained in General Surgery at The Alfred Hospital. He became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2000, and went on to Specialist Colorectal training on the Australasian Colorectal Training Programme. He subsequently worked at the center of excellence Hôpital Saint-Antoine, Paris, France with the assistance of winning the Murray and Unity Phiels Colorectal Fellowship.

Mr Bell has restricted himself to a Colorectal Surgical Practice. His main areas of interest within Colorectal Surgery are laparoscopic and robotic surgery, minimally invasive trans-anal surgery, colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis).

He is a member of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand. He was the Chairman of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Committee, Victorian Cooperative Oncology Group, The Cancer Council, Victoria, and Editor of Gastrointestinal Cancer Update. He is a Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the Cabrini Monash University Academic Department of Surgery, and is actively involved in colorectal research and surgical training programs. He is a member of the Training Board in Colon and Rectal Surgery. Mr. Bell is constantly upgrading his education with regular attendances at national and international conferences and workshops and also gives lectures at seminars.

Mr Paul Burton is an Upper Gastrointestinal and General Surgeon, who specialises in oesophagogastric cancer, Bariatric Surgery and anti-reflux surgery. Paul is also currently appointed as Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for Obesity Research Education (CORE) at Monash University. His research is directly related to and overlaps clinical practice. His interests focus on obesity, reflux and oesophago-gastric cancer.

Specific endeavours aim to better understand the mechanisms of Upper GI Surgical procedures.

Mr Martin Chin completed his surgical training at the Alfred, becoming a fellow of the College of Surgeons in 2002. He subsequently undertook fellowships at Peter MacCallum and Monash Medical Centre, and spent two years of specialist colorectal training in the UK at Hull and Castle Hill Hospitals, East Yorkshire. He is a colorectal surgeon at The Alfred and Cabrini Hospitals. He is a member of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand.
Dr Heather Cleland is a Visiting Plastic Surgeon and Head of the Victorian Adult Burns Service at The Alfred Hospital; Clinical Director of the Alfred Skin Tissue Culture Laboratory; and Visiting Plastic Surgeon at the Department of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne. She is a member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Specialty Court); Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the Department of Surgery, Monash University; and Past President of the Australian & New Zealand Burn Association (ANZBA).

She is Chair of the Steering Committee of the Bi-National Burns Registry, which is the first quality burns registry in the world and a joint project of ANZBA and the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University.

She has published extensively on a variety of burns related subjects in peer reviewed journals; including the use of skin substitutes and development of bioengineered products for treatment of patients with severe burns, and the impact of new treatment technologies on surgical and multidisciplinary aspects of clinical care delivery and outcomes.

Mr Peter Evans graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1988 and completed his surgical training at The Alfred Hospital in 1996. Overseas specialist HepatoPancreatoBiliary and Liver Transplant training was undertaken at the Cleveland Clinic (USA). He has an appointment as an HPB surgeon within the Upper GI Surgical Unit at The Alfred, Cabrini and Frankston Hospitals. He is on the Executive Council of the Australian and New Zealand HPB Association, is a member of the International HPB Association and the Victorian HPB Surgical Group, and a Senior Lecturer in the Monash University Department of Surgery.

Mr Chip Farmer completed his medical degree at Monash University. General Surgical Training was undertaken at The Alfred Hospital and he then spent four years overseas completing specialist colorectal training at St Mark’s Hospital, London and The Cleveland Clinic, U.S.A. Mr Farmer has an appointment as a colorectal and general surgeon at The Alfred, The Avenue and Cabrini Hospitals. He is Director of the Colorectal Investigation Unit at Cabrini Hospital and member of the Colorectal Consulting Group. Mr Farmer is a past President of the Colorectal Surgical Society and Senior Lecturer in the Monash University Department of Surgery. Mr Farmer’s research interests include transanal endoscopic microsurgery.

Professor Mark Fitzgerald is Director of Trauma Services at The Alfred Hospital and Director of the National Trauma Research Institute. Professor Fitzgerald graduated MB BS from Melbourne University in 1981, achieved Fellowship in Emergency Medicine in 1987, MD (Monash) 2014 and is a Global Clinical Scholar 2014/5 (Epidemiology and Biostatistics) Harvard Medical School. He is an Ambulance Victoria Medical Advisor, a Victorian State Trauma Committee member and the Director of the Trauma Reception & Resuscitation Project.

His research themes are systems improvement, error reduction and standardization of resuscitation care. He has delivered 120 major presentations, 110 publications in peer reviewed journals,
nine book chapters and has achieved AUD$8 million in research and development funding 2007-2014. Professor Fitzgerald has led the establishment of Trauma Systems Development programs in Sri Lanka, India, China, the Philippines and Myanmar. His honours include the Ambulance Service Medal 2003, the Foundation Medal Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2003, Honorary Life Membership of the Neurotrauma Society of India 2010 and the Gordon Trinca Medal Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2013.

Dr Simon Grodski graduated MBBS(Hons) Monash University in 1997 and completed residency and general surgical training at The Alfred Hospital, gaining his FRACS in 2006. Simon completed a fellowship in Endocrine Surgery at St. Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne and The University of Sydney at The Royal North Shore Hospital. Simon is currently a VMO with the Breast, Endocrine and General Surgery Unit at The Alfred Hospital and a member of the Monash University Endocrine Surgery Unit.

Associate Professor Bill Johnson is a widely experienced General Surgeon. He obtained his General Fellowship at The Alfred Hospital then spent time in the UK working in a General Surgery unit with a special interest in Vascular Surgery. He moved to the US completing a Fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery and the University of Minnesota Hospitals and then working as a General Surgeon in the Department of Surgery at the Cincinnati General Hospital. He returned to Australia and joined The Alfred Hospital.

Bill is the former Head of the Breast Endocrine and General Surgery at The Alfred Hospital, and is now the Program Director of Surgery, Perioperative Medicine and Ambulatory Care at The Alfred Health, and also works in the Breast Endocrine and General Surgery Unit. His private practice is based at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Hospital.

Dr Sarah Kemp is a VMO with the Breast, Endocrine and General Surgery Unit and the Victorian Melanoma Service at The Alfred and has a particular interest in breast cancer management. She is a VMO with Breast Screen Victoria. After finishing surgical training in Victoria she spent two years in UK doing a Fellowship at The Hull and East Yorkshire Breast Unit.

Mr James Lee is a Visiting Endocrine Surgeon at Alfred Health and Monash Health. He completed surgical training through Austin Health, and undertook Endocrine Surgery Fellowships both at Austin Health in Melbourne, and Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. Subsequently, James was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Sydney, for his thesis on the miRNA biomarkers of papillary thyroid cancer. Through his appointment as Senior Lecturer at Monash University, James actively pursues his academic interests. James is the Younger Fellows Representative on the RACS Section of Academic Surgery Committee.

Mr Damien Loh graduated from the University of Melbourne Medical School and obtained his Fellowship in the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2011. He completed the ANZGOSA post-Fellowship training program, undertaking further training in Victoria and New South Wales in the areas of oesophago-gastric, hepatobiliary and laparoscopic surgery. He has been actively involved in clinical research and registrar teaching during his post-Fellowship training, and is an instructor on the ASSET course.

His clinical interests include oesophago-gastric malignancy, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and Bariatric Surgery. He has published and presented on topics including hepatobiliary malignancy, hepatic surgery, benign gastro-oesophageal conditions, Bariatric Surgery, and the use of novel procedural techniques.
Dr Kate Martin completed her medical and surgical training at The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne Australia. Her fellowship training comprised of a year as the Trauma Fellow at The Alfred, a year as the General Surgical Fellow at the Western Hospital, Footscray, and then a year as a General Surgical Fellow attached to the Thoracic, Hepatobiliary and Trauma services at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Kate returned to The Alfred as a Consultant in 2009. Kate is a General Surgeon, sub-specialising in Trauma. Her trauma-specific interests are resuscitation, abdominal, pelvic and chest trauma. She is the supervisor of Surgical Education and Training for the Alfred Hub, as well as an instructor with the Early Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) and Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) faculties. Kate is the secretary of ANZAST- the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

Professor Catriona A McLean, BSc (1979), MBBS (1984) and FRCPA (1993) FFSc (RCPA) 2011 is currently Head of Anatomical Pathology at The Alfred Hospital (2004 - present), Professor in the Central Clinical School, Monash University, Professor at the Howard Florey, Melbourne University, Director of the State Neuromuscular service and has Honorary positions at the RCH and MMC and as specialist pathologist to the Victorian Melanoma Service and the Australian CJD registry. She is past Chair of the Senior Medical Staff for Alfred Health. She has published more than 280 papers including papers in Nature Communications 2014, Nature Medicine 2012, Nature Genetics 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, Cell 2012 amongst many other journals.

She has won multiple awards for teaching, research and pathology including a National award for teaching (ALTc citation), a Vice chancellors award for education, Monash University Supervisor of the year (twice) and the AMA Crawford Mollison Prize for an outstanding service to Pathology. She has developed Educational curricula for MBBS and post RCPA fellowship pathology programs. She has supervised 32 doctors in specialist training in Pathology, 3 PhDs, 11 BMedSci, 1 MMed, and 1BSc Hons. She is currently President of the ANZ society of Neuropathologists.

Dr Charles Pilgrim graduated from Monash University in 2000 and entered surgical training at The Alfred, Melbourne. He gained his fellowship in General Surgery in 2007 and in 2008 was the Upper Gastrointestinal Fellow at The Alfred before commencing his PhD though the University of Melbourne at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in 2009. He completed this in 2012 and moved to the USA to complete a second fellowship as the Surgical Oncology fellow in Hepatopancreaticobiliary Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin before returning to Australia at the end of 2013 to commence practice.

Dr Pilgrim has published extensively in many high impact factor peer-reviewed medical journals such as the Journal of the American College of Surgeons, Annals of Surgery, JAMA - Surgery, the ANZ Journal of Surgery and HPB (the journal of the International HPB association), on the topics of pancreas cancer, liver cancer and gallbladder cancer, as well as laparoscopic surgery. He is a member of the IHPBA, AHPBA, ANZHPBA, SSO, ASCO and the AGITG.

His public appointments include the Hepatopancreaticobiliary Service and the Trauma Service at The Alfred and in General/ Emergency Surgery at Frankston Hospital. He operates in private at Cabrini Malvern and Peninsula Private with the Victorian HPB surgery group. He is a senior lecturer at Monash University and a RACS Trauma instructor and examiner. He is also a member of the Academy of Surgical Educators and a military surgeon serving in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.
Jonathan Serpell is Professor and Director of General Surgery at The Alfred Hospital and Monash University as well as Head of the Breast, Endocrine and General Surgery Unit at The Alfred Hospital. He is also Head of the Breast, Endocrine Surgery and Surgical Oncology Unit at Frankston Hospital. His major research interest is in Endocrine Surgery and he obtained his doctorate in medicine on soft tissue sarcomas. Professor Serpell has recently been elected to the Council of The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He is a previous Senior Examiner of the specialty court of examiners in general surgery and past president of Australian Endocrine Surgeons. He is specialty editor for Endocrine Surgery with the ANZ Journal of Surgery. He established the Monash University Endocrine Surgery Unit in 2007. He obtained a Master of Education in 2011. Additional interests include salivary gland surgery and melanoma.

Mr Paul Simpson is a colorectal surgeon based at The Alfred, Western and Cabrini Hospitals. He completed the general surgical fellowship at The Alfred Hospital in 2010, followed by three years of specialist colorectal training as a member of the CSSANZ and a year at the Mayo Clinic Rochester, USA. He is a member of the Colorectal Consulting Group and has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery, robotics and enhanced recovery.

Mr Stewart Skinner is a visiting surgeon with the Colorectal Service at The Alfred Hospital and Head of the Colorectal Service at Frankston Hospital. He completed a PhD Thesis on colorectal cancer in 1994 and undertook postgraduate training in Colorectal Surgery at St. Mark’s Hospital in London and the Royal London Hospital. Current research interests include anal intraepithelial neoplasia, management of faecal incontinence and Laparoscopic Surgery.

Mr Andrew Smith is an Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon, trained through The Alfred, and in the UK. He has been working as a consultant surgeon at The Alfred and in private practice since 1998. His areas of interest include antireflux surgery, achalasia, laparoscopic hernia repair, upper GI malignancy and bariatrics.

Mr Marty Smith is a HPB and Upper GI Surgeon practicing at The Alfred, Western Health and Cabrini Hospitals. He graduated from Flinders University and worked as a resident at the Royal Adelaide Hospital before returning to Melbourne to train in surgery. After completing his FRACS training he worked as a Fellow in Melbourne before travelling to the UK for fellowship in Upper GI surgery at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge and Hepatobiliary surgery at the Royal London. He also spent time at Kings College Hospital in London on the Liver Transplant Unit. Marty’s other surgical interests are Advanced laparoscopic and Trauma Surgery.

Associate Professor Val Usatoff has trained extensively in all aspect of liver, pancreas and biliary surgery. He presents regularly at national and international HPB surgery meetings and has published 17 book chapters and 32 peer reviewed articles in this area. Currently he is Head of Upper GI and HPB surgery at Western Hospital and is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer in HPB Surgery at The Alfred Hospital. As one of the founding committee members of the ANZHPB Association, he is involved in coordinating advanced training in HPB surgery in Australia. He is active in teaching junior surgical staff and medical students though Melbourne and Monash Universities. Having recently completed a Masters in Health Services Management, he was recently appointed as a Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Services Managers.
Ms Melanie Walker trained in General Surgery at The Alfred Hospital and obtained her FRACS in 2002. She undertook further training in breast surgery in the UK at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull, The Edinburgh Breast Unit and an Oncoplastic Fellowship at the Plastic Surgical Unit at Canniesburn, Glasgow. She returned to The Alfred as a consultant in 2010. Her special interests include oncoplastic breast surgery and breast ultrasound. She is a member of Breast Surg ANZ, the Australasian Society for Breast Disease and the Australian New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group.

Mr Satish Warrier is a Colorectal Surgeon based at Alfred Health, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, and Epworth Healthcare. Having completed his surgical training in Victoria, Satish received the inaugural Covidien Epworth fellowship and trained extensively in complex cancer surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, USA. He specialises in all areas of colorectal surgery particularly the management of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and cancer of the colon and rectum with a focus on hereditary colorectal cancer.

Satish is an advanced laparoscopic specialist who practices minimally invasive surgery. Other areas of expertise include management of advanced pelvic malignancy, peritoneal cancer surgery including cytoreductive surgery and heated intra-peritoneal chemotherapy. Satish is an active member of the Gastrointestinal working group, Victorian Cooperative Group, The Cancer Council, Victoria. He is the supervisor of Set 1 Surgical Training at Alfred Health and the Head of Research, Colorectal Department of Alfred Health.

Dr Meei Yeung was awarded her Fellowship in General Surgery in 2006. She undertook two years of post Fellowship training in Sydney, focusing on Endocrine and Trauma surgery. Dr Yeung has been a Consultant Surgeon at The Alfred Hospital since 2007. She is a member of the Breast, Endocrine and General Surgery Unit in addition to the Trauma Service. She is a Executive Member of the Endocrine Section of the College of Surgeons and a full member of the Australian Endocrine Surgeons.
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Mercure Superior Room: from $140.00 per night
Buffet Breakfast: $25.00 per person, per day (pre-booked)

To access discounted accommodation rates please contact the hotel directly by telephone on 1800 633 888 from within Australia or +61 3 9529 4300 from overseas. Quote “The Alfred General Surgery Meeting 2015” at the time of booking.

Alternatively you may complete the Accommodation Booking Form on page 16 and return to the hotel by fax or email.

Important note: the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival coincides with the meeting and accommodation will be limited. Please make your reservation as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
**ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM**

Pullman and Mercure Melbourne Albert Park, Melbourne, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne VIC 3004

**Accommodation Booking Methods:**
- **Telephone:** Call 1800 633 888 and quote ‘The Alfred General Surgery Meeting 2015’
- **Fax/Email:** Complete the form below and return to the hotel by fax +61 3 9510 5795 or email h8788@accor.com

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Address:                                                               | City:       | State: |

| Postcode:                                                             | Telephone:  | Fax: |

| Email:                                                                | Company Name (if applicable): |

### BOOKING DETAILS

- **Arrival Date:** / /2015
- **Departure Date:** / /2015
- **Total Nights:**

| Number of Adults: | Number of Children: | Special Requests: Twin/Cot/Extra Bed: |

| Second Guest Name (if applicable): |

### RATES AND ROOM TYPES

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<td>$210.00 per night, inclusive of WiFi*</td>
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<td>$185.00 per night, inclusive of WiFi*</td>
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- **Buffet Breakfast**
  - $25.00 per person per day
  - (when pre booked at time of reservation)

### PAYMENT METHOD

- **Guest will pay own account**
- **Third Party to take care of charges (A Credit Card Authorisation form to be completed and sent to the Hotel directly).**

Please note if this written authorisation is not received, the Guest will be required to settle their own account.

**Credit Card Details:** A credit card number is required to guarantee the booking. Cancellations received within 48 hours of arrival will be subject to a cancellation fee equal to the first nights accommodation charge per booking cancelled. Please note that a credit card will be required on check-in as pre-authorisation for accommodation and incidental charges.

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| Cardholder Name: | Expiry Date: |

All reservations and room type requests are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Your reservation will be confirmed to you within 48 hours of receipt. If not, please do not hesitate to contact the hotel directly.
GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE
The meeting is being held at Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, 65 Queens Road, Albert Park, Victoria.

Distance to the venue:
From St Kilda Road: 50m, 1 minute walk
From Airport: 24km, 30 minutes by car
From Melbourne CBD: 4km, 10 minutes by car
From Melbourne CBD: 4km, 15 minutes by tram

The scientific sessions and industry exhibition will be located in the Grand Ballroom and Grand Ballroom Lobby.

For further information about the venue or to book accommodation please visit www.pullmanalbertpark.com.au.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Trams travel down St Kilda Road (numbers 3, 5, 6, 16, 64 and 67). Tram stop 27 is the closest to the Pullman Melbourne Albert Park and is a short walk down Lorne Street to the hotel. The closest train stations to the hotel are Prahran and Flinders Street. For further information on public transport, please log on to www.victrip.com.au

CAR PARKING
Conveniently located beneath the hotel and accessible via Lorne Street, the car park has 400 parking bays for your convenience. At the time of writing the rate is $16.00 per vehicle flat rate per day. However, please note parking rates are subject to change without notification.

REGISTRATION DESK
The registration desk will be located in the Grand Ballroom Lobby, Pullman Melbourne Albert Park.

Opening Hours:
Friday 30 October 2015 7:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday 31 October 2015 7:30am – 11:30am

INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
The industry exhibition is an important aspect of the meeting, allowing delegates to view specialty products and interact with industry representatives.

All lunches, morning and afternoon teas will be served in the exhibition located in the Grand Ballroom Lobby, Pullman Melbourne Albert Park.

MEETING DINNER
Friday 30 October 2015, 7:00pm
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
Pier Road, St Kilda, Victoria
Cost: $150.00 per person
Dress code: cocktail dress / lounge suit

Guests should make their own way to the dinner. Public car parking is available near the St Kilda Sea Baths. Enter via Jacka Boulevard, parking fees apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Cancellations must be received in writing by the meeting organiser. Cancellation received by Friday 25 September 2015 will incur a 20% cancellation fee. Cancellation received after this date will not be refunded.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
This educational activity has been approved in the College's CPD Program. Fellows who participate can claim one point per hour (maximum 10 points) in Maintenance of Clinical Knowledge and Skills towards 2015 CPD totals.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Please note that the venue is responsible for all catering at the meeting and RACS does not inspect or control food preparation areas or attempt to monitor ingredients used. You should contact the venue directly for all special dietary requirements during the meeting, irrespective of whether details have been provided to RACS. If RACS requests information about your dietary requirements for a specific event RACS will endeavour to forward the information provided to the venue (time permitting). RACS will not retain information provided for future events, so you must verify your requirements for each event. Even if information is requested or provided, RACS takes no responsibility for ensuring that the venue acknowledges your dietary requirements or that these requirements can be met. In all cases you must verify for yourself that your dietary requirements have been met and RACS refutes any and all liability for any failure to adequately provide your special dietary requirements or any consequential damage resulting from such failure.

INTENTION TO PHOTOGRAPH
Please be advised that photographs may be taken during the meeting and reproduced by the meeting organiser.
**PERSONAL INFORMATION** (please type or print in BLOCK LETTERS)

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**Preferred name & State/Country (name badge):**

**Postal Address:**

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**Telephone (professional):**

**Fax:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

*All correspondence will be sent by email*

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**REGISTRATION** (all prices in AUD and include GST)

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**MEETING DINNER (30 OCTOBER 2015)**

**Cost per person**: $150.00

**Please indicate number of tickets**

**Total Fees**

$__________

**Special dietary requirements**:  
- [ ] Vegetarian  
- [ ] Gluten free  
- [ ] Lactose Free  
- [ ] Dairy Free  
- [ ] Other (please specify) ____________________________

**PAYMENT DETAILS** (Tax invoice issued on receipt of registration form)

Please tick (✓)

- [ ] Cheque attached (cheques/bank drafts payable to Royal Australasian College of Surgeons - payable in Australian dollars).
- [ ] BPAY (payment details will be provided upon the generation of a tax invoice)
- [ ] Charge credit card: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] AMEX

**Card Number:**

**Cardholder Name:**

**Cardholder Signature:**

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**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** *For full details refer to the General Information section.*
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