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Teams at the starting line for the

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The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is collaborating with the Health Education and Training Institute’s (HETI) Clinical Surgical Training Council and the Australasian Students’ Surgical Association (ASSA) to deliver the inaugural HETI Golden Scalpel Games® - ASSA Edition.

This abridged showcase of HETI’s famed Golden Scalpel Games® promises to be a highlight of the final day of this year’s Australasian Students’ Surgical Conference; a pre-cursor event to the RACS Annual Scientific Congress.

The HETI Golden Scalpel Games® - ASSA Edition, will give medical students from University Medical School Surgical Societies from across Australia and New Zealand, a taster of the competition that medical trainees and students from NSW have had access to since 2012.

An educational team-based competition that sees teams of aspiring young surgeons rotate through five stations every 30 minutes, the Games give medical students the chance to showcase their skills and to network with peers and key leaders of surgical training at the state level.

Associate Professor Kerin Fielding, Chair, HETI Clinical Surgical Training Council, who will assist to supervise the games on the day, says that the Games reinforce the importance of surgical skills training to build confidence, reduce risk and improve knowledge by exploring new innovations in technology and the use of simulated surgical environments.

“Clinical stations are modelled on the RACS JDOCS and ASSET core competencies and incorporate professional and communication domains, including teamwork, judgement, clinical and critical decision making as well as teaching and learning,” says Prof. Fielding.

The winning team will be presented with the HETI Golden Scalpel Games® - ASSA Edition Perpetual Trophy at the conclusion of the Games.

The HETI Golden Scalpel Games® – ASSA Edition will take place at the Sydney Masonic Centre Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney on Sunday 6 May 2018.

About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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About the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI)

HETI is a leading provider of high quality training and education to clinical and non-clinical staff across the NSW health system. We work closely with our partners, Local Health Districts, Specialty Health Networks, other public health organisations and health professionals to identify education and training needs and design contemporary solutions tailored to the NSW Health context.

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