Provisional Program
RACS ACT Annual Scientific Meeting
The role of surgeons in health advocacy

27 October 2018
Australian National University Medical School
The Canberra Hospital Campus, Garran, ACT

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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the ACT Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, we invite you to attend this region’s premier annual surgical event, the RACS ACT Annual Scientific Meeting 2018.

Health advocacy is one of the nine core competencies of surgical training and this year we wanted to explore how surgeons advocate for access to care and the health needs of the communities in which they work.

The meeting’s theme is “The role of surgeons in health advocacy” and we are pleased to announce a high calibre line up of Australasian speakers who will be bringing forth their experience in advocacy and health promotion.

The primary goal of the meeting is educational, vocational and professional support for prospective surgical Trainees, existing Trainees and Fellows and we look forward to hearing high quality free paper presentations throughout the program.

We are pleased also to welcome the ACT Minister for Health Meegan Fitzharris once again to our meeting and look forward to hearing her views on how surgeons can meaningfully progress improvements in healthcare, and better collaboration between administrators and clinicians.

We would like to acknowledge the invaluable support provided by industry, in particular our Gold Sponsor Medtronic and Silver Sponsors; Applied Medical, Bank of Queensland, Getinge, KCI Medical, MDA National and Sanofi. We encourage you to visit the exhibitors during the breaks.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Dr Justin Pik
FRACS
Co-Convenor

Dr Timothy Makeham
FRACS
Co-Convenor
Mr Ahmad Aly
Mr Ahmad Aly, MBBS, FRACS, MS, is a General Surgeon and Specialist Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon. Mr Aly is the Head of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery at the Austin Hospital; a Clinical Associate Professor; senior lecturer and researcher with Melbourne University and conducts private practice at Warringal and Mitcham Clinics.

Mr Aly is also a board member of the Australian & New Zealand Metabolic and Obesity Surgery Society and the Australia & New Zealand Gastric & Oesophageal Surgery Association. He is a highly experienced surgeon in the area of weight loss and personally developed a dedicated and passionate multidisciplinary team at Darebin Weight Loss Surgery. He has performed over 1,000 weight loss operations.

Dr Valerie Malka
Dr Valerie Malka is a Trauma and General Surgeon and Deputy Director of Trauma at Sydney’s Liverpool Hospital. She was the previous Director of Trauma Services at Westmead Hospital. She is an Early Management of Severe Trauma Director and Definitive Surgical Trauma Care Course Instructor with a great passion for trauma and acute emergency surgery.

Dr Malka has special interests in education and quality assurance and has worked extensively in patient safety and the maintenance of ethics in healthcare. She has a great commitment to injury prevention and community education and advocacy. She has worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Rescue Committee on humanitarian missions and holds a Diploma in International Humanitarian Assistance from Geneva University and a Master’s Degree in International Public Health with a major in Humanitarian Law. She also holds a Master’s degree in Journalism and in her spare time works as a freelance, writing medical, health and wellbeing articles.

Mr Graeme Campbell
Mr Graeme Campbell MBBS, FRACS, FRCS (Eng), FACP is a General & Laparoscopic Surgeon who works at Bendigo Day Surgery. He is Clinical Director of General Surgery at Bendigo Health.

Mr Campbell served as a RACS Councillor for nine years, including serving as Vice President from 2015-16. He now works part-time for RACS as Clinical Director of International Medical Graduate assessment and support and is a director for the RACS CCiSP course.

Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld
Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC, OBE is Director, Monash Institute of Medical Engineering; senior Neurosurgeon at the Alfred Hospital; and Professor of Surgery, Monash University. He is an adjunct professor at universities in China, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea and the United States of America. His main research interests are traumatic brain injury and bionic vision. Professor Rosenfeld is one of Australia’s leading academic neurosurgeons and senior military surgeons and is internationally recognised.

He was the Co-Chief Investigator on the landmark Decompressive Cranectomy Study, the first multicentre randomised controlled trial of this procedure which was published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) in 2011. He is a Principal Investigator within the Monash Bionic Vision Group which aims to develop a bionic vision direct to brain implant with a first-in-human implant in 2018. He is a Major General in the Australian Defence Force; and was Surgeon General, ADF-Reserves 2009-2011. He has served on eight deployments.

Associate Professor Stephen Bolsin
Associate Professor Stephen Bolsin became a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists London in 1982. He was a Consultant Anaesthetist at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. The Bristol Eye Hospital England in 1989 where he identified that too many babies were dying during heart surgery. He spent the next six years confirming the high mortality rates and attempting to improve the service. This led to a fall in mortality rates for children’s heart surgery in Bristol from 30% to less than 5%.

A/Prof Bolsin sacrificed his job; professional popularity and ultimately his young family’s life in Britain in defence of his conscience. Being unable to obtain work in the United Kingdom after the scandal, he took up a senior appointment at the Geelong Hospital in Australia.

In 1996, A/Prof Bolsin became the Director of the Department of Perioperative Medicine, Anaesthesia & Pain Management at Geelong Hospital. Other appointments held include Honorary Adjunct Professor of the Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine at Monash University and Senior Principal Research Fellow & Honorary Associate Professor of the Department of Clinical & Biomedical Sciences Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Catherine Ferguson
Cathy Ferguson is an Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck Surgeon from Wellington, New Zealand. She has been an elected Councillor of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons for the past seven years, and is currently Vice President. She has previously held the portfolio of Chair of the Professional Development and Standards Board, Chair of Professional Standards, Chair of Fellowship Services and Chair of the Post Fellowship Education and Training Committee.

Dr Ferguson was invited to become a member of the RACS Expert Advisory Group (EAG) appointed by the College in 2015 to investigate and advise the College on the issues of discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment. From there an Action Plan has been developed to address the issues. As part of this, Dr Ferguson was involved in a revision of the College’s Code of Conduct and a review of the College CPD program, as well as advising on the activities of the Education Board. She continues to champion the College’s ‘Let’s Operate with Respect’ activities.
## SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018

### Session 1
**The surgeon and adiposity**
*Chair: Dr Siva Gananadha*
- 9:05am Free papers
- 9:55am Cross specialty effects, cost burden, what can be done
  *Mr Ahmad Aly*
- 10:25am Metabolic madness
  *Mr Charles Mosse*

### Session 2
**Better collaboration among surgeons and administrators to improve outcomes**
*Chair: Dr Justin Pik*
- 11:10am ACT Minister for Health
  *Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA*
- 11:20am Data and processes used to forecast surgical workload and advocate for resources
  *Professor Paul Smith*
- 11:40am Clinical engagement - how to make it work for surgeons
  *Associate Professor Stephen Bolsin*
- 12:00pm Free papers

### Session 3
**Trauma and advocacy**
*Chair: Dr Hari Bandi*
- 1:20pm Surgery in a field hospital during the Battle for Mosul, Iraq 2017. What have military surgeons learned that helps Australian surgery?
  *Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld*
- 1:40pm Surgeons making our roads safer
  *Dr Valerie Malka*
- 2:10pm Modelling effects of cerebral hypoxia using a dialysis canister
  *Dr Edward Coxon*
- 2:30pm Free papers
- 2:50pm Award presentations
  *Dr Ailene Fitzgerald and Dr Catherine Ferguson*

### Session 4
**Surgeons as leaders**
*Chair: Dr Tim Makeham*
- 3:30pm Influencing stakeholders and health advocacy
  *Dr Catherine Ferguson*
- 3:50pm Leadership in surgery. What can we learn from General Sir John Monash?
  *Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld*
- 4:10pm Free papers
- 4:30pm Dealing with complex conflict scenarios
  *Mr Graeme Campbell*
- 4:50pm Summary
  *Dr Justin Pik and Dr Timothy Makeham*
- 5:00pm Meeting close

**6:30pm Meeting dinner and presentation of RACS paper prize**
*Rubicon, Griffith*
DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

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All completed forms should be returned to:
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250 - 290 Spring Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002, Australia

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Delegate Information
Title: First Name: Surname:
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City: State: Post Code:
Telephone (Professional): Mobile:
Fax: Email:
RACS ID (If applicable):

Fellows will have their CPD points automatically updated.

Special requirements (Dietary, mobility access etc):

Please tick if you DO NOT wish your name and suburb to be circulated to delegates or industry.

Registration
(all prices are in Australian Dollars and include GST)

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Cheque — Make payable in Australian Dollars to Royal Australasian College of Surgeons — Cheque must accompany this form

Credit Card — Payment instructions will be emailed to you upon processing of your registration.

Registration as a delegate to the 2018 RACS ACT Annual Scientific Meeting is not valid until payment has been processed.

Cancellations must be received in writing to:
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Privacy Policy details can be viewed on the RACS website at

http://www.surgeons.org/disclaimerprivacy
GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE
The meeting is being held at ANU Medical School, Building 4, The Canberra Hospital, Garran, ACT. The scientific sessions and industry exhibition will be located in the Auditorium and the Auditorium Foyer respectively.

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INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be served in the exhibition area, located in the Auditorium Foyer, ANU Medical School.

MEETING DINNER
Saturday 27 October
6:30pm
Rubicon, Griffith
Cost: $110.00
Dress: Lounge Suit / Cocktail dress

INTENTION TO PHOTOGRAPH
Please be advised that photographs will be taken during the meeting and reproduced by the meeting organiser. These photographs may be used for the following purposes:
- Projection on-site
- Reporting on the meeting in online and hard copy publications
- Marketing a future meeting, including online and hard copy publications
If you do not wish to be included in a photograph, please advise the photographer.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Please note that the caterer 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 caterer 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 caterer (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 caterer 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.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PROGRAM
This educational activity is accredited. Fellows who participate can claim one point per hour (maximum 6 points) in Maintenance of Clinical Knowledge and Skills towards 2018 CPD totals. CPD points will be automatically updated for all Fellows who have provided their RACS ID.

CAR PARKING
There is limited free parking on campus, time restrictions may apply.

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