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Surgeons to gather in Wangaratta

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Surgeons from around Victoria will gather in Wangaratta this weekend for the Annual General Scientific and Fellowship Meeting (AGSFM) of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Under the theme “Outreach Surgery, The Third World: At Home”, the AGSFM will devote many of its sessions to the consideration of surgical work in disadvantaged communities, both here in Australia and in our region.

Dr Jacob Ollapallil, a General Surgeon at Alice Springs Hospital, will chair a session on the training of the rural specialist and will also present a paper during another session on Indigenous health.

Dr Edmund Poliness, a General Practitioner with many years’ experience working with Indigenous communities, both rural and urban, will be another guest speaker. Currently working with the homeless in Melbourne, Dr Poliness was formerly the Sub-Dean of the Rural Clinical School in Wangaratta.

A session on Saturday morning will focus on international health and will inform delegates of surgical outreach work being done in such places as West Timor and East Timor.

In addition, there will be several dozen workshops enabling attendees to learn of the most recent developments in the science of their surgical specialty.

The Victorian Health Minister, the Hon. David Davis MLC, will address delegates on Friday afternoon.

The AGSFM runs from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October and is being held at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway.

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