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Surgeons to gather at Dunsborough

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Surgeons from around Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory will converge on Dunsborough this weekend for a joint Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

Continuing the tradition of tri-jurisdictional ASMs, Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will discuss issues of importance to surgeons and their patients, including the so-called Four Hour Rule.

The rule, first implemented in Western Australia and now being rolled out across Australia, requires the vast majority of patients presenting at public hospital emergency departments to be admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours of their arrival. Its introduction has been controversial, with many surgeons concerned that it places timeliness of care above quality of care.

Delegates to the ASM will also participate in a discussion on medical ethics and, on Saturday afternoon, will consider the latest developments in the management of trauma.

On Sunday delegates will present papers detailing the latest developments in the science of their surgical specialty.

Conference convenor, Perth Neurosurgeon Mr Stephen Honeybul, said the ASM represented a unique opportunity for surgeons from a diversity of regions and specialties to meet and discuss issues of concern to the surgical profession.

“The three jurisdictions cover a vast area of the Australian landmass, and some of the Fellows attending the ASM this weekend must routinely face the challenges of practising in regional or remote locations. This is a great opportunity for them to compare notes and to share their experiences with those of us from larger metropolitan hospitals and practices,” Mr Honeybul said.

The ASM is being held at the Quay West Resort Bunker Bay.

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