

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

Formed in 1927

⊗ Formed with the aim of improving the standard of surgery.

In 2011

- ⊗ Standards (Code of Conduct, Interactions with Medical Industry)
- ⊗ Education and Training
- ⊗ Professional Development, CPD
- ⊗ Interaction with Government etc

RACS

- ⊙ A fellowship based organisation i.e., an association of professionals funded by surgeons themselves.
- ⊙ Independent of Government but compliant with a regulatory framework e.g., Medical Board of Australia, Australian Medical Council, ACCC etc.

- ⊙ Supports the concept of professionalism – the basic premise being to act in the best interests of the patient.
- ⊙ Values autonomy in return for demonstrable self-regulation.

RACS Structure

- ⊗ Governed by a Council elected by the members
- ⊗ Supported by a “non-surgeon” executive staff.

RACS and Surgical Specialties

- ⊗ 9 surgical subspecialty associations have been developed.
- ⊗ Each of these have a Board of Training which oversee surgical training within the broad parameters set by the College.
- ⊗ These are –General Surgery, Cardio-thoracics, Orthopaedics, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, ENT, Paediatric Surgery, Neurosurgery.

Surgical Training

- ⊗ Selection
- ⊗ Supervision
- ⊗ Continuous assessment
- ⊗ Course completion
- ⊗ Exit examination