

# Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine

## Terms of Reference

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<b>Applicability</b>	Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with the Governance of College Bodies By-law. Both the Governance of College Bodies By-law and these Terms of Reference govern the College Body.

### 1.1. Established

The Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine is established under the authority of the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine to perform the functions set out in these Terms of Reference and all matters ancillary to those functions.

### 1.2. Term

The term of this Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine is a maximum of 12 months but may be dissolved in less than 12 months if the group has completed the required curriculum development process.

## 2. PURPOSE

The Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine is responsible for developing a new Advanced Training curriculum for Palliative Medicine in accordance with College frameworks, models and processes.

## 3. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine are to:

- evaluate the current state of the training program and make recommendations about how it can be improved
- review and revise a draft new curriculum or curricula according to the RACP curriculum model, including curriculum standards and learning, teaching and assessment programs
- plan a consultation on the new curriculum, including mapping relevant stakeholders
- review the draft curriculum and make recommendations for changes in response to stakeholder feedback
- plan implementation of the new curriculum

The Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine is an advisory and recommending body only and does not have authority to:

- enter into contractual relationships.
- represent or imply in any way that the Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine is a body independent of the College.

## 4. MEMBER COMPOSITION

The members of the Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine will be appointed by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine.

The Curriculum Review Group for Palliative Medicine will be supported by the Advanced Training Curricula Renewal project team.

The Curriculum Review Group membership shall comprise of a maximum of 12 individuals who are members of the RACP, comprising:

- 4.1.1 A Chair
- 4.1.2 A Deputy Chair, appointed by the Chair
- 4.1.3 At least one member who is a delegate of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine
- 4.1.4 At least two members who are based in Aotearoa New Zealand
- 4.1.5 At least one member who is a paediatrician
- 4.1.6 At least two members who are trainees at the time of appointment to the Group
- 4.1.7 At least one member who has completed Advanced Training in the specialty within the last five years at the time of appointment to the Group
- 4.1.8 At least one member who is a member of the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine

Any one member may perform multiple roles.

## 5. MEETING

This section is to be read in conjunction with the Governance of College Bodies By-law.

### 5.1. Number of Meetings

The Curriculum Review Group shall meet as frequently as determined by the Chair and the needs of the Advanced Training Curricula Renewal project and shall meet face-to-face or by videoconference.

### 5.2. Chair

The Chair or their appointee will Chair all meetings.

### 5.3. Quorum

A quorum is one half of the total College Body membership.

### 5.4. Voting

Decisions will be made by consensus of the majority of members.

## 5.5. Secretariat

Meeting agenda, supporting papers and written outcomes will be provided prior to the date of the meeting.

## 6. REPORTING

The Curriculum Review Group will report, make recommendations and hand over its developed products to the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine at the end of its term.

## 7. DEFINITIONS

Term	Means
College	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, an incorporated body limited by guarantee ACN 000 039 047.
College Body	Has the same meaning as in the College Constitution
Member of the College	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Training Committee in Palliative Medicine	Means the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

## 8. HISTORY

Commencement		
These Terms of Reference were approved by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine and commenced on 18 July 2023.		
Revision	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	18/07/2023	Initial approval/New Document