



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians

By-Law

Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine

**A BY-LAW PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A
CHAPTER OF THE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE AUSTRALASIAN CHAPTER
OF ADDICTION MEDICINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1** The Board of the College, pursuant to the Constitution of the College, has established the Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine.
- 1.2** The Board has established the Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine to:
- 1.2.1** support the professional careers of Fellows and Trainees of the Chapter;
 - 1.2.2** work with other relevant appropriate College Bodies and staff in relation to:
 - 1.2.2 (a)** education, training and assessment of Trainees;
 - 1.2.2 (b)** education, continuing professional development and quality performance of Fellows;
 - 1.2.2 (c)** policy and advocacy;
 - 1.2.2 (d)** the assessment of overseas trained professionals;
 - 1.2.2 (e)** research; and
 - 1.2.2 (f)** workforce,as each relates to Addiction Medicine;
 - 1.2.3** promote and advance the body of knowledge of Addiction Medicine; and
 - 1.2.4** act as an authoritative source of advice within the College in connection with Addiction Medicine.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHAPTER

A person is a member of the Chapter if they have been admitted as a member by the Board on the recommendation of the Chapter in accordance with the Constitution.

3. CHAPTER COMMITTEE

3.1 Chapter Committee

A Chapter Committee for the Chapter is to be established and it will be the peak decision making body for the Chapter.

3.2 Role of the Chapter Committee

The Chapter Committee may do all things necessary to further the purposes of the Chapter, subject to this By-law, the direction of the Board and the direction of the Adult Medicine Division Council.

3.3 Chapter Committee prohibitions

The Chapter Committee must not:

3.3.1 enter into contractual relationships; and

3.3.2 represent or imply in any way that the Chapter is a body independent of the College.

3.4 Composition of the Chapter Committee

The Committee of the Chapter shall comprise:

3.4.1 the President of the Chapter;

3.4.2 the President-Elect of the Chapter;

3.4.3 the Chair of the Chapter Education Committee;

3.4.4 the President, or a representative, of the Australasian Professional Society for Alcohol and Drugs (APSAD). The holder of this position must be:

3.4.4 (a) a Fellow of the College; and

3.4.4 (b) the President, President Elect or Vice President of the Australasian Society for Alcohol and Drugs, or any other officeholder of the society approved by the Chapter Committee

3.4.5 the Chairs of the State branches in Australia and the Aotearoa New Zealand Branch; and

3.4.6 one Trainee of the Chapter.

3.5 Committees of the Chapter Committee

The Chapter Committee may, subject to Board approval, create such other committees or time-limited or specific purpose working groups as the Chapter Committee may determine from time to time.

4. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Every two years the President-Elect for the Chapter shall be elected by members of the Chapter.

4.1 The President-Elect holds that office for a two year term commencing at the end of the first Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election.

4.2 The President-Elect automatically becomes the President of the Chapter from the date of the third Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election.

4.3 The President holds that office for a two year term ending at the conclusion of the fifth Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election as

President-Elect of the College.

5. REPORTING

- 5.1** The Chapter is a part of the Adult Medicine Division. The Chapter Committee must report to the Adult Medicine Division Council as required by the Adult Medicine Division Council.
- 5.2** The Chapter Committee may make exception reports to the Adult Medicine Division Council to address emergent or risk management issues as required.

6. DEFINITIONS

- “Board” means the Board of Directors of the College.
- “College” means the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (ACN 000 039 047), an incorporated body limited by guarantee.
- “Constitution” means the Constitution of the College as amended from time to time.

Approved by the Board of the College on 25 May 2013

By-Law History as from 25 May 2013

Commencement of By-Law – 25 May 2013

This By-Law was approved by the Board of the College on 25 May 2013 and commenced on that date.

Subsequent amendments to By-Law

Item	Amendment	Commenced
1.	Article 3.4.4 – position of ‘Chair of the Chapter Policy and Advocacy Committee’ removed.	May 2014
2.	<p>Inclusion of revised Article 3.4.4 – provision within the By-Laws for specialty society representation:</p> <p>“the President, or a representative, of the Australasian Professional Society for Alcohol and Drugs (APSAD). The holder of this position must be:</p> <p>3.4.4 (a) a Fellow of the College; and 3.4.4 (b) the President, President Elect or Vice President of the Australasian Society for Alcohol and Drugs, or any other officeholder of the society approved by the Chapter Committee.”</p>	May 2014