

Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine Committee By-law

BY-LAW PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF BOARD COMMITTEES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians has established the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine Committee (the “College Body”). The Governance of College Bodies By-law sets out the general provisions for governance of College Bodies. Both the Governance of College Bodies By-law and this By-law govern the College Body.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the College Body is to act as the peak decision-making body for the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine.

3. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the College Body include:

- a) supporting the professional careers of Fellows and trainees of the Chapter;
- b) working with other relevant appropriate College Bodies and staff in relation to:
 - i. education, training and assessment of trainees;
 - ii. education, continuing professional development and quality performance of Fellows;
 - iii. policy and advocacy;
 - iv. the assessment of overseas trained professionals;
 - v. research; and
 - vi. workforce,as each relates to Palliative medicine;
- c) promoting and advancing the body of knowledge of Palliative medicine; and
- d) acting as an authoritative source of advice within the College with regard to Palliative medicine.

4. COMMITTEE PROHIBITIONS

The College Body must not:

- Enter into any agreement binding upon it or on the College; or
- Represent or imply in any way that the College Body is a body independent of the College.

5. MEMBER COMPOSITION

The Membership of the Committee shall comprise up to 10 members.

5.1. Ex-officio Members

Up to one ex-officio member comprising:

- The Chair of the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine (TCPM).

5.2. Appointed Members:

Up to two appointed members comprising:

- the President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (ANZSM); and
- one Paediatrics & Child Health Division representative nominated by the Paediatrics & Child Health Division Council.

5.3. Elected Members

Up to seven elected members, elected by the Members of the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine.

- the President of the Chapter (to Chair);
- the President-elect of the Chapter;
- up to four Fellows of the Chapter;
- one trainee of the Chapter elected by trainees.

5.4. Co-opted members

Co-opted members may be appointed for a particular purpose or term.

6. MEETING

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

6.1. Number of Meetings

The College Body shall hold a minimum of four meetings per calendar year and shall meet by teleconference, face to face or videoconference.

6.2. Chair

The Chair or their appointee will Chair all meetings.

6.3. Quorum

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

6.4. Voting

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

6.5. Minutes

The proceedings of all meetings of the Committee shall be recorded in the minutes.

6.6. Secretariat

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

6.7. Committee Reviews

The Committee are to undertake a skill and experience review annually.

The Committee are to review their performance against this By-law every two years.

7. REPORTING

The College Body must report and make recommendations to the Adult Medicine Division Council as required.

The College Body is required to provide to the Adult Medicine Division Council each year:

- a new or updated work plan (work plans may be one, two, or three years)
- a report against the preceding years' work plan.

8. REVIEW OF BY-LAW

This By-law will be reviewed every three years.

9. DEFINITIONS

Term	Means
Board	The Board of Directors of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
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.
Ex-officio	Has the same meaning as in the Governance of College Bodies By-law.
Fellow	Has the same meaning as in the Governance of College Bodies By-law.
Member	Has the same meaning as in the Governance of College Bodies By-law.
Parent Body	Has the same meaning as in the Governance of College Bodies By-law.
Trainee	Has the same meaning as in the College Constitution.

10. HISTORY

Commencement		
This By-law was approved by the Adult Medicine Division Council and commenced on 21 February 2013.		
Revision	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	21 March 2013	This By-law was approved by the Adult Medicine Division Council and commenced on 21 March 2013.
2.0	15 October 2021	This by-law was reviewed and approved by the AChPM Committee and AMD Council by October 2021
3.0	27 July 2022	This by-law was added to a new template in May 2022, the content remained the same and AMDEX approved by July 2022.
4.0	2 April 2025	The Chair of the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine listed under ex-officio members rather than appointed. Minor formatting updates to match standard RACP template.