

By-law

Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health 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 SEXUAL HEALTH 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 Sexual Health Medicine.
- 1.2** The Board has established the Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health 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 Sexual Health Medicine;
 - 1.2.3** promote and advance the body of knowledge of Sexual Health Medicine; and
 - 1.2.4** act as an authoritative source of advice within the College in regards to Sexual Health 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 and the direction of the Board.

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 Chapter 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 Training Committee – Sexual Health Medicine;
- 3.4.4** the Chapter Lead Fellow - Policy and Advocacy;
- 3.4.5** the President, or a representative, of the *Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)*. The holder of this position must be:
 - 3.4.5 a** a Fellow of the College; and
 - 3.4.5 b** the President, President Elect or Vice President of the ASHM, or any other officeholder of the ASHM approved by the Chapter Committee. Representatives nominated by ASHM that do not meet this criteria will be subject to the approval of the Chapter Committee.
- 3.4.6** at least two and not more than six Fellows of the Chapter elected by Fellows; and
- 3.4.7** one Trainee of the Chapter elected by Trainees.

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

- 4.1.** Every two years the President-Elect for the Chapter shall be elected by members of the Chapter.
- 4.2.** 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.

- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. Every two years members of the Chapter Committee shall be elected, including the Trainee representative.
- 4.6. At least one of the elected Fellows on the Chapter Committee shall be a resident in New Zealand.
- 4.7. No more than three elected Fellows on the Chapter Committee shall reside in the same Australian state or territory, except where there are no candidates from other states or territories.
- 4.8. The elected members of the Chapter Committee shall take office from the Annual General Meeting of the College following their election and will hold office for two years.

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 Committee may make exception reports to the Adult Medicine Division Council to address emergent or risk management issues as required.

6. DEFINITIONS

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| “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 Executive of the College on 21 February 2013.

By-Law History as from 21 February 2013		
Commencement of By-Law		
This By-Law was approved by the Board Executive of the College on 21 February 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 Committee" removed.	May 2014
2.	Inclusion of Article 3.4.5 – provision within the By-Laws for specialty society representation: "the President, or a representative, of the Australian Sexual Health Alliance (ASHA). The holder of this position must be: 3.4.5 (a) a Fellow of the College; and 3.4.5 (b) the President, President Elect or Vice President of the Australian Sexual Health Alliance, or any other officeholder of the society approved by the Chapter Committee."	May 2014
3.	Article 3.4.3 change of name to Training Committee – Sexual Health Medicine	September 2015
4.	Article 3.4.6 clarification that Fellows are elected by Fellows	November 2015
5.	Article 3.4.7 clarification that the Trainee representative is elected by Trainees	November 2015
6.	Article 4.5 clarification that the Trainee representative is elected and removal of reference to election by members	November 2015
7.	Article 5.1 and 5.2 reporting to AMD Council	November 2015
8.	Article 4.7 addition - except where there are no candidates from other states or territories.	October 2016
9.	Article 3.4.5 amended - Australian Sexual Health Alliance (ASHA) replaced with Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM).	April 2020