### About the 2017–18 handbook

This handbook outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Advanced Training in Paediatric Cardiology Program. Satisfactory completion of these requirements is necessary for admission to Fellowship of the College or completion of post-Fellowship training. The 2017–18 handbook applies to all Australian and New Zealand based trainees registered in a PREP program in 2017 and/or 2018, regardless of the year in which they commenced PREP Advanced Training. A trainee is considered to be in a PREP Advanced Training Program if they first enrolled in that program from 2011 onwards. Where not specified as being particular to either Australia or New Zealand, information applies to trainees and supervisors in both countries.

### 2017–18 Program requirement updates

Overseeing committees evaluate training requirements every two years (previously annually) to ensure that they are in line with educational best practice. Requirements are published and communicated accordingly. Changes to the training program that may substantially impact a trainee’s plan for training will be implemented following an extended period of notice. It is the trainee’s responsibility to ensure that they are following the correct handbook.

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Paediatric Cardiology
Paediatric Cardiology is a branch of medicine concerned with the prevention, investigation, therapy of, and research into, disease involving the cardiovascular system of children.

Program overview
Advanced Training provides a ‘depth’ of specialty training under supervision to prepare trainees for independent practice as consultants. It builds on the skills developed in preceding training through work-based assessments and learning tools as outlined in this handbook.

Program
Advanced Training in Paediatric Cardiology

Overseeing committee(s)
Advanced Training Committee in Paediatric Cardiology (Australasia) (ATC)
New Zealand Advanced Training Subcommittee in Paediatric Cardiology (New Zealand) (NZ ATS)

Entry requirements
• Completion of RACP Basic Physician Training, including the RACP Written and Clinical Examinations
• Current Medical registration
• Appointment to an appropriate Advanced Training position

Minimum duration
3 years (full-time equivalent (FTE))

Curricula
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology Advanced Training Curriculum (PDF 1MB)
• Download the Professional Qualities Curriculum (PDF 1MB)

Qualification
Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP)

Quick links
• Apply or re-register
• Program requirements overview
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• Accredited training sites
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• Supervision
• Download the Advanced Training supervisor amendment form (.doc 153KB)
• Download the Advanced Training interruption of training form (.doc 1.1MB)

Learning and assessment tool forms
Supervisor's Reports - Australia
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology Supervisor's Report (Australia) (.doc 391KB)

Supervisor's and Trainee's Reports - New Zealand only
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology Supervisor's Report (New Zealand) (PDF 62KB)
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology Attachment for Final Supervisor's Report (New Zealand) (.doc 38KB)
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology Trainees Report Cover Sheet (.doc 103KB)

Logbooks
• Download the Paediatric Cardiology (Paediatrics) Logbook Template (.xls 141KB)
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Apply for Advanced Training

Eligibility
New trainees can apply for Advanced Training after completing Basic Training, including passing the Divisional Written and Clinical Examinations. They must have current medical registration and appointment to an appropriate Advanced Training position at a suitable training site.

Advanced Training positions
Core training usually needs to be undertaken at accredited training sites that have been accredited by the overseeing committee for Advanced Training in the relevant specialty.

Some specialty groups conduct a coordinated Advanced Trainee Selection and Matching process for appointing trainees to training positions. Details of participating states, regions and specialties are available from June each year.

Please note that the College is not responsible for trainee recruitment and has no role in the recruitment process.

Approval and certification of training
Once trainees have secured a training position, they must prospectively apply for approval as per the Progression through Training Policy.

Approval of training periods will be determined by the overseeing committee. To be approved, a trainee’s individual training program must be consistent with the training requirements and appropriate for the stage in training.

Upon completion of each rotation or calendar year of training, the overseeing committee considers each trainee’s progress according to the program requirements. If all requirements of training have been satisfactorily completed, the overseeing committee will certify the period of training.

How to apply
Both new and current trainees need to apply for Advanced Training each year.

Australian Trainees
Apply online for Advanced Training by the due dates below.

Where online registration is not available please download, complete and submit the application form to apply for Advanced Training in Paediatric Cardiology (.doc 472KB).

New Zealand Trainees
Download, complete and submit the application form to apply for Advanced Training in Paediatric Cardiology (.doc 475KB) by the due dates below.

Trainees must organise the timely submission of all necessary documentation, keep a copy of the application for future reference and pay required fees.

Closing dates for applications in Australia

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<td>15 February</td>
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Closing dates for applications in New Zealand

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<td>31 October</td>
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**College training program resources**

This handbook should be used alongside the following resources.

**Curricula**

RACP curricula outline the learning objectives and associated knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours required of graduates of College training programs across program-specific/clinical and non-program/non-clinical attributes.

- Download the Paediatric Cardiology Advanced Training Curriculum (PDF 1MB)
- Download the Professional Qualities Curriculum (PDF 1MB)

**Advanced Training Portal**

Resources for many of the requirements of this training program can be accessed through the Advanced Training Portal. These include:

- summary of training completed and required
- detailed information on training rotations, including approval and certification decisions
- past examination results
- online teaching and learning and formative assessment tools
- information sheets, workflows, rating forms and interactive video tutorials for online tools

**Education policies**

Education policies underpin all training requirements.

Key education policies include the following:

- Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
- Flexible Training
- Progression through Training
- Recognition of Prior Learning
- Special Consideration for Assessments
- Trainee in Difficulty Support Policy

**Variations in training and flexible training options**

Variations in training processes cover dual, joint, conjoint and post-fellowship training. Flexible training option information covers part-time training, interruptions to training, withdrawing from training and exceptional circumstances.

**Trainee responsibilities**

All trainees are adult learners who must understand trainee responsibilities and play a role in teaching and mentoring junior doctors.

The College is committed to supporting trainees who are experiencing difficulty in their training. If trainees or supervisors are experiencing difficulty, they should contact their Education Officer and the Training Support Unit.

**Supervisor roles and responsibilities**

Supervision in PREP training involves a comprehensive level of educationally-focused support for trainees. The College runs supervisor workshops to help develop required skills for this role.

**Accreditation of settings**

Core training is usually conducted in training positions at accredited training sites that have been accredited by the overseeing committee.
eLearning@RACP

eLearning@RACP is a central, online space which supports College members in their learning. It contains educational resources developed by the RACP or shared by other postgraduate medical colleges. College members can login and access courses and modules designed and developed in collaboration with Fellows, trainees and education committees, on topics including:

- Communication
- Indigenous Health
- Research
- Supervisor Professional Development
- Telesupervision

These courses and modules are optional and completion is not a program requirement.

Admission to Fellowship

Trainees are eligible to be admitted to Fellowship of the College on the completion of all requirements of training. The College will invite trainees to apply for Fellowship once the overseeing committee has recommended them for admission. The admission process involves completion of an application form, and the payment of a fee.

New Fellows will receive formal notification from the College that they have been admitted to Fellowship. In addition to the award of Fellowship, individuals who complete training are issued a letter confirming the completion of their training. Fellows who complete another training program subsequent to admission to Fellowship receive a letter confirming all of the RACP training programs that they have completed.

All Fellows in Australia, New Zealand and overseas who are in active practice must meet the requirements of a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program.
Program requirements

Program requirements are the components of a training program that a trainee must complete in order to progress through training. Mandatory program requirements are linked to the certification of training, progression through training and program completion. Program requirements are made up of formative and summative assessments, teaching and learning activities, the type and duration of clinical rotations, course work and other requirements, such as minimum overall duration of training.

Overseeing committees evaluate training requirements every two years (previously annually) to ensure that they are in line with educational best practice. Requirements are published and communicated accordingly. Changes to the training program that may substantially impact a trainee’s plan for training will be implemented following an extended period of notice.

It is the trainee’s responsibility to ensure that they are following the correct handbook and are aware of the current program requirements. They must also ensure that they are familiar with current RACP education policies and processes, such as those for dual trainees.

Program requirements overview – Australia

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Teaching and learning requirements

Per year:
• 2 Learning Needs Analysis

Per rotation:
• 1 Supervisor’s Report (for 12-month rotations)
Per year:
• 2 Case-based Discussions
• 2 mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercises
• 2 Direct Observations of Procedural Skills

By the end of Advanced Training:

36 months of certified training time consisting of:
• 36 months of core training
• 1 logbook documenting completion of required procedures
• Developmental and Psychosocial Training
• 1 Research Project (for trainees commencing training in 2018 onwards)
• 1 published article and/or presentation (for trainees who commenced training before 2018)
• 2 Quality Assurance/Audits (for trainees who commenced training before 2018)
## Program requirements overview – New Zealand

### Core training (36 months)

#### Content
- **Paediatric Cardiology Advanced Training Curriculum**
- **Professional Qualities Curriculum**

#### Supervision

**Supervision** per rotation:
- 1 supervisor with FRACP (required)
- A second supervisor who may or may not have FRACP

### Teaching and learning requirements

#### Per year:
- 2 **Learning Needs Analysis**

#### Assessment

**Per rotation:**
- 1 **Supervisor’s Report** (for 12-month rotations)
- 1 **Trainee’s Report**

**Per year:**
- 2 **Case-based Discussions**
- 2 **mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercises**
- 2 **Direct Observations of Procedural Skills**

### By the end of Advanced Training:

**36 months of certified training** time consisting of:
- 36 months of core training
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- **Developmental and Psychosocial Training**
- 1 **Research Project** (for trainees commencing training in 2018 onwards)
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## Time-based requirements - Training time and rotations

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<th>To ensure adequate time for trainees to gain necessary learning experiences across a range of relevant rotations.</th>
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<td><strong>Total training time</strong></td>
<td>3 years (36 months (FTE))</td>
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<td>A minimum of 36 months must be spent in accredited core clinical training positions.</td>
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<td><strong>Training time in Australia/New Zealand</strong></td>
<td>At least 24 months of Advanced Training in Paediatric Cardiology must be undertaken in Australia and/or New Zealand. This is to ensure that trainees receive adequate exposure to local practices and health services.</td>
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## Supervision requirements

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More information

- [Supervision](#)
- [Download the Advanced Training supervisor amendment form (.doc 153KB)](#)
**Work-based learning and assessment tools**

PREP teaching and learning activities are designed to support reflective practice and self-directed learning. A variety of teaching and learning activities and assessments are used throughout PREP training. These activities cater to a range of learning needs, styles and situations that may arise in workplace training, and aim to facilitate learning and enhance the attainment of desired learning outcomes.

Trainees are required to complete all teaching and learning activities, including formative and summative assessments, throughout training.

Formative assessments focus on assessment for learning through feedback and guidance. The College’s formative assessments aid the trainee and supervisor through a formal feedback discussion, prompting areas for discussion highlighted by the trainee’s performance. The College’s formative assessments are based on existing workplace-based assessment methods and best practice in medical education.

Summative assessments focus on judgements about trainee progression, resulting in pass or fail decisions on a trainee’s performance.

### Case-based Discussion (CbD)

**Purpose**
To guide the trainee’s learning through structured feedback and help the supervisor evaluate the expertise and judgement exercised in clinical cases. This is a formative assessment.

**Requirement**
- **Australia:** Two per year, due by 31 January of the following year
- **New Zealand:** Two per year, due by the end of the training rotation

**More information**
- Enter CbD rating form data into the [Advanced Training Portal](#)
- [Case-based Discussion information sheet, workflow, rating form and other resources](#)

### Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)

**Purpose**
To guide trainee learning and achievement of competency in procedural skills through direct observation and the provision of structured feedback. This is a formative assessment.

**Requirement**
- **Australia:** Two per year, due by 31 January of the following year
- **New Zealand:** Two per year, due by the end of the training rotation

**Acceptable procedures**
- Cardiac Catheterisation
- Echocardiography

**More information**
- Enter DOPS rating form data into the [Advanced Training Portal](#)
- [DOPS Information sheet, rating form, workflow and procedure lists](#)

### Learning Needs Analysis (LNA)

**Purpose**
To embed the process of planning and evaluating learning in the trainee’s practice.
Learning Needs Analysis (LNA)

Requirement

Australia: Two per year, early in the rotation due by 31 January of the following year
New Zealand: Two per year, early in the rotation due by the end of the training rotation

More information
- Complete and submit the LNA via the Advanced Training Portal
- Learning Needs Analysis information sheet, workflow and other resources

Logbook of procedures

Purpose
To ensure that trainees have adequate exposure to a range of clinical procedures and techniques in preparation for physician practice.

Requirement
One over the course of training kept and updated regularly throughout training. A summary of procedure numbers is to be submitted with each Supervisor’s Report.

All trainees must maintain a logbook of clinical procedures performed, including information about the level of supervision for each procedure. The accuracy and currency of the logbook are of the utmost importance. The logbook must be maintained using the logbook template and be available at all times for review. Supervisors are required to confirm in their reports that the logbook is a true and accurate record of trainees’ experience and that all training requirements have been fulfilled.

Procedures/activity

Adenosine challenge:
- Perform an adenosine challenge
  Minimum number: 10 cases

Ambulatory care:
- Manage patients in an ambulatory care (outpatient) setting under supervision
  Minimum number: 200 patients

Balloon atrial septostomy:
- Perform balloon atrial septostomy cases under supervision and demonstrate competency as an independent operator
  Minimum number: 5 cases

Cardiac catheterisation:
- Perform and report cardiac catheterisation and haemodynamics
  Minimum number: 100 cases
- Perform and report cardiac catheterisation as primary operator
  Minimum number: 20 cases, included in total requirement of 100 cases

Direct current cardioversion:
- Perform direct current cardioversion
  Minimum number: 5 cases

Echocardiograms:
- Fetal echocardiograms (observation and associated counselling)
  Minimum number: 20 studies
- Transoesophageal echocardiograms
  Minimum number: 50 studies, 25 studies as a primary operator (all studies should be reviewed and have finalised consultant reports)
- Transthoracic echocardiograms
  Minimum number: 600 cases, 300 under supervision of paediatric echocardiographer/cardiologist and at least 500 on patients with cardiac pathology (all...
### Logbook of procedures

Studies should be reviewed and have finalised consultant reports)

**Electrocardiograms:**
- Interpret and report electrocardiograms on both inpatients and outpatients

**Electrophysiology:**
- Participate in clinical decision-making for electrophysiology study/ablation procedure, including observation of procedures and interpretation of reports
  *Minimum number:* 10 cases

**Exercise tests:**
- Supervise and report exercise tests
  *Minimum number:* 50 cases

**Holter monitor:**
- Supervise and report Holter monitor
  *Minimum number:* 50 cases

**Imaging:**
- Interpret chest x-rays
- Interpret results of cardiac MRI, thoracic CT and radionuclide imaging
  *Minimum number:* 10 cases (in total)

**Pacemaker:**
- Observe pacemaker implantation
  *Minimum number:* 5 cases
- Participate in testing permanent pacemaker function
  *Minimum number:* 20 cases
- Perform pacemaker testing
  *Minimum number:* 20 cases

**Pericardial aspiration:**
- Perform pericardial aspiration under supervision and demonstrate competency as an independent operator
  *Minimum number:* 3-5 cases

### More information and resources
- Learning and assessment tool forms

### Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (mini-CEX)

**Purpose**
For the trainee to receive timely, structured feedback on their performance in real clinical situations. This is a formative assessment.

**Requirement**
- **Australia:** Two per year, due by 31 January of the following year
- **New Zealand:** Two per year, due by the end of the training rotation

**More information**
- Complete and submit the mini-CEX via the [Advanced Training Portal](#)
- [Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise information sheet, workflow, rating form and other resources](#)
Supervisor’s Reports

**Mid-Year Progress Report (up to and including 2017)**

**Purpose**
To provide trainees with structured feedback on their performance over the first six months of a 12-month rotation. This is a formative assessment.

**Requirement**

**Australia:** One per 12-month rotation completed mid-rotation and due by 15 July

**New Zealand:** One per 12-month rotation completed mid-rotation and due by 31 May or 31 October

**More information**
- More information on Supervisor’s Reports
- Learning and assessment tool forms

**Final Supervisor’s Report (up to and including 2017)**

**Purpose**
To evaluate and provide feedback on the trainee’s progress, which informs the certification of training decision. This is a summative assessment.

**Requirement**
One Final Supervisor’s report is due per rotation

**Australia**
For Advanced Trainees in 12-month positions
- a Final Supervisor’s Report is to be submitted by 31 January of the following year.
For Advanced Trainees in positions of six months or less with separate supervisors, or at separate sites:
- a Final Supervisor’s Report should be completed for each rotation and submitted by 15 July (for first half of the year) and 31 January the following year (for the second half of the year).
For Advanced Trainees in their final year:
- a Final Supervisor’s Report is to be submitted by 15 October.

**New Zealand**
For Advanced Trainees in 12-month positions:
- a Final Supervisor’s Report must be submitted by 31 October.
For Advanced Trainees in three-, four- or six-month positions:
- a Final Supervisor’s Report must be completed for each rotation and submitted by 31 May (for rotations in the first half of the year) and 31 October (for rotations in the second half of the year).

The Final Supervisor’s Report must be completed by supervisors who have directly supervised the trainee. If the supervisor has not directly supervised the trainee throughout the whole rotation, the supervisor should obtain individual reports from those who have directly supervised the trainee and provide a composite report.

Supervisors should discuss the report with the trainee prior to both parties signing the report, and trainees should be provided with a copy of each report.

It is the trainee’s responsibility to ensure that all supervisors receive a copy of the Supervisor’s Report. Failure to do this may result in delays or non-certification of a period of training.

Progression to the next year of training is dependent upon the College receiving satisfactory Supervisor’s Report(s) covering the full year/period of training completed.

Trainees must provide copies of previous Final Supervisor’s Report(s) to the next...
Supervisor’s Reports

Year's/rotation’s supervisor. The College may provide subsequent supervisors with copies of past reports (and any other documents deemed relevant to the trainee's training).

More information
• More information on Supervisor’s Reports
• Learning and assessment tool forms
• Progression through Training Policy

Supervisor’s Report (2018 onwards)

Purpose
To evaluate and provide feedback on the trainee’s progress, which informs the certification of training decision. This is a summative assessment.

Requirement
One Supervisor’s Report is due per rotation, minimum two per year.

Australia
For Advanced Trainees in 12-month positions:
• One Supervisor’s Report is to be submitted by 15 July for the first six months of the calendar year.
• One Supervisor’s Report is to be submitted by 31 January of the following year covering the final six months of the calendar year.

For Advanced Trainees in positions of six months or less with separate supervisors, or at separate sites:
• One Supervisor’s Report should be completed for each rotation and submitted to the College by 15 July (for first half of the year) and 31 January the following year (for the second half of the year).

Advanced Trainees approaching the end of their training should submit a report that covers the whole second half of the year by 15 October.

New Zealand
For Advanced Trainees in 12-month positions:
• One Supervisor’s Report including Trainee’s Report is to be submitted by 31 May for the first six months of the rotation.
• One Supervisor’s Report including Trainee’s Report is to be submitted by 31 October covering the full 12 months.

For Advanced Trainees in three, four, or six-month positions:
• One Supervisor’s Report including Trainee’s Report must be completed for each rotation and submitted by 31 May (for rotations in the first half of the year) and 31 October (for rotations in the second half of the year).

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### Supervisor’s Reports
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**More information**
- More information on Supervisor’s Reports
- Learning and assessment tool forms
- Progression through Training Policy

### Trainee’s Report

**Purpose**
To provide feedback to the College for use in future training program evaluations and to encourage trainees to reflect on their training rotations to embed reflection and review into their practice.

**Requirement**
- **Australia:** Not required
- **New Zealand:** One per rotation submitted with the Final Supervisor’s Report at the end of each rotation and due by 31 May/31 October

**More information**
- More information on Trainee’s Reports
- Learning and assessment tool forms

### Other requirements

#### Developmental and Psychosocial Training

**Purpose**
To assist trainees to develop a sophisticated understanding of child development, encompassing physical, cognitive, emotional, behavioural and social areas, which should be gained from the perspective of the child within the family and in the context of the community.

**Requirement**
- **This is a requirement for Paediatrics & Child Health trainees only.**
  - **Australia:** Once over entire training period (Basic Training and Advanced Training) for six months due by the end of Advanced Training
  - **New Zealand:** Once over entire training period (Basic Training and Advanced Training) for three months due by the end of Advanced Training

**More information**
- More information on Developmental and Psychosocial Training
- Learning and assessment tool forms

#### Research requirements

**Purpose**
To enable trainees to gain experience in research methods; in interpretation of research literature; in participation in research at some stage of their career; and to develop quality improvement skills. Submission of a research project provides evidence of the skills of considering and defining research problems; the systematic acquisition, analysis, synthesis and interpretation of data; and effective written communication.
## Research requirements

**For trainees commencing training in 2018 onwards:**
Trainees who commenced training in 2018 onwards must complete [1 Research Project](#) as detailed below.

**For trainees who commenced training before 2018:**
Trainees who commenced training before 2018 must complete [1 Publication/presentation and 2 Quality Assurance/Audits](#) as detailed below.

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<td>One over the course of training due by the annual submission date in any year before the end of Advanced Training.</td>
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<td><strong>Australia:</strong> Due by 15 September</td>
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<td><strong>New Zealand:</strong> Due by 31 October</td>
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<td>The research project must be marked as satisfactory prior to admission to Fellowship. It is recommended that trainees submit their research project by the annual submission date in their penultimate year of training to allow time for marking and resubmission of research projects initially marked ‘Resubmit’.</td>
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<td>It is recommended that trainees present their research at the Cardiac Society Annual Scientific Meeting (or equivalent).</td>
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More information
- [More information on Research Projects](#)
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**Publication/presentation**
Trainees are required to present or be a principal author of at least one published article at the Cardiac Society Annual Scientific Meeting (or equivalent) and/or prepare an article accepted by a peer-reviewed journal.

**Quality Assurance/Audits**
Trainees are required to complete two Quality Assurance/Audits. These must be presented at the training hospital during the training period, and must be certified by the Supervisor in the Supervisor’s Report.
Important dates

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RACP policies

- Education policies
- Privacy Policy for Personal Information
- Code of Conduct and Working Together Policy

RACP initiatives

Pomegranate Podcasts (Pomcast) is a monthly medical podcast created by physicians, for physicians.
Evolve is a physician-led initiative to ensure the highest quality patient care through the identification and reduction of low-value practices and interventions.

Useful contacts

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<td>First point of contact for general enquiries.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education Officers administer the training program and can respond to training-related enquiries.</td>
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## Other College contacts

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**Specialty societies**

Specialty societies are medical/scientific societies that bring together research and clinical scientists and physicians who are actively involved in a particular area of medical practice, e.g. cardiology, geriatric medicine. The specialty societies are independent organisations that contribute to physician education through their members’ involvement in College education committees and activities.

**Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand**

The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand is the peak professional body representing cardiology physicians/paediatricians in Australia and New Zealand.