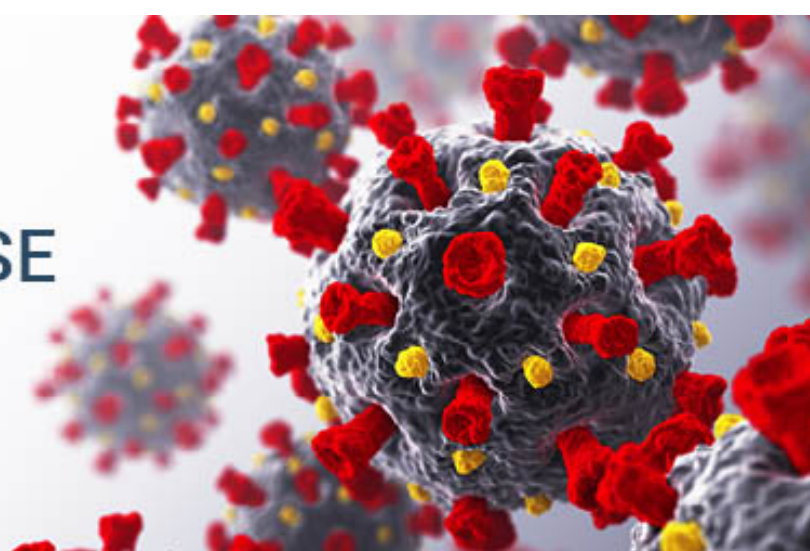


# UPDATE

## RACP COVID-19 RESPONSE



As at 21 May 2020

### Advocacy

- The College's Policy and Advocacy team has developed a voluntary member survey to capture current member experiences and insights on the use of the new telehealth items. The survey was sent to Australian-based Fellows on 18 May 2020, with a deadline to respond by close of business Monday, 25 May 2020. The results of this survey will feed into long-term advocacy by the College on the use of telehealth.

### Advisory Groups – Whole of College

- The Paediatric and Child Health Division Policy and Advocacy Committee is currently scoping a project around the equity of access during the COVID-19 pandemic and as restrictions begin to ease.

### Advisory Groups – Education Learning and Assessment (ELA)

- Options for how and when the Divisional Clinical Exam will be run in 2021 for the 2020 cohort were presented to the Exams Advisory Group on 15 May 2020. High-level foundational statements and the approach have been agreed on. It is noted that the Paediatrics and Child Health Division want to undertake additional internal consultation. The College will also need to discuss this with Health Departments, with a meeting scheduled on Friday, 29 May 2020. Additional work is underway to determine the most suitable dates to run the exam.
- Communications were sent out to trainees and supervisors on 12 May 2020 advising of the high-level approach for provisional Advanced Training, along with updated guidance on the Advanced Training research project requirements. Additional FAQs are under development. A brief was sent to Committee Secretariats to go out to all committees advising them of the changes.
- A detailed approach for managing provisional progression into Advanced Training has been developed with the Sub-Group and presented to the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group on 8 May 2020. There is high-level support and consensus from the Group for the proposed approach. This will now go to the College Education Committee for approval and further discussion during the week commencing 18 May 2020, followed by presentation to the Australian and New Zealand Health Departments.
- Guidance for trainees and their DPEs/supervisors on whether to apply for provisional Advanced Training is in development.
- A guide has been developed for working with individual Training Committees to review any additional program requirement changes they need to make during this clinical year due to COVID-19. The College is actively working with Training Committees to progress through the guide and all should be completed by early/mid-June. Once decisions are finalised, communications will then go out to trainees of the changes.
- At the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group on 8 May 2020 there was a discussion regarding online learning resources and what should be priority for development at this time. Group feedback was to focus on the development of new online resources to help Basic Trainees sit the Divisional Written and Clinical Exams, including curation of what existing international resources may be of use. A meeting has been set with the Learning Resources team to discuss further.
- A COVID-9 ELA Program Plan is under development, which outlines the approach, tasks, schedule, interdependencies, and risks based on all the exams, training requirements and accreditation decisions made to date. A workshop was held with all managers in the ELA Team on 14 May 2020, with the plan now being finalised.
- Process and documents have been created for the management of the accreditation of training settings in 2020 in response to COVID-19.
- Template to complete has been sent to all Australian Health Departments requesting notification of changes to their 2020 term rotations and 2021 recruitment.

## Professional Practice

### CPD

To support Fellows with an outstanding 2019 MyCPD record, the CPD team will be contacting Fellows to offer additional support over the coming weeks before the extension deadline on Friday, 31 July 2020. This year, Fellows can record their 2019 CPD activities one of three ways by:

- logging into the MyCPD platform as normal
- [booking](#) a phone interview with a CPD team member, or
- responding to the email sent from the CPD team over the coming weeks with a record of their CPD activities. The CPD team will then transfer activities into MyCPD.

The CPD team will only record the minimum 100 credits on MyCPD. For Fellows who have completed the course *CPD: Applying for the New Framework*, this will automatically be recorded on MyCPD.

For the 2020 CPD year, Aotearoa New Zealand Fellows will be exempt, and whilst the Medical Board of Australia is encouraging Fellows to continue to do CPD, no action will be taken if 2020 CPD requirements are not met.

### Trainees

- Additional communications were sent to trainees when major changes were published.
- Trainee-relevant information was added to the [President's video message](#) published on 15 May 2020.
- The College's Executive General Manager, ELA attended the College Trainees' Committee meeting on 14 May 2020 to provide an update and respond to numerous COVID-19 questions.

### Meetings

- The Aotearoa New Zealand Convocation has been postponed from July 2020 until July 2021.

## RACP Resources

- [College COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce – evidence-based clinical guidelines](#)