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RACP stands united with doctors at Lady Cilento

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Doctors who have refused to release a one-year-old girl from Brisbane's Lady Cilento Children's Hospital due to fears she will be returned to Nauru, have the full support of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

Doctors of the Darwin-born baby, who is recovering from burns, are concerned that once discharged she will be sent to an unsafe environment.

RACP President Laureate Professor Nick Talley commended the doctors on ensuring best care for their patients.

"Of the 267 asylum seekers who were impacted by the recent High Court decision, 37 are infants and 54 are children," explained Professor Talley. "Detention centres are no place for children. The health and developmental impacts are profound – with severe and long-term health consequences.

"RACP paediatricians have seen first-hand the impact of immigration detention on children. Sadly, we know that the devastating impacts of immigration detention hit children the hardest.

"The doctors from Brisbane's Lady Cilento Children's Hospital should be commended for their impassioned stance in protecting the health of their patient," he added.

Professor Talley said that RACP, which represents the interests of the 23,000 physicians across Australasia, continues to advocate for the immediate end to immigration detention.

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The College represents a broad range of medical specialties including general medicine, paediatrics and child health, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology,

oncology, public health medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, palliative medicine, sexual health medicine, rehabilitation medicine, geriatric medicine and addiction medicine. Beyond the drive for medical excellence, the RACP is committed to developing health and social policies which bring vital improvements to the wellbeing of patients.

The College offers 60 training pathways. These lead to the award of one of seven qualifications that align with 45 specialist titles recognised by the Medical Board of Australia or allow for registration in nine vocational scopes with the Medical Council of New Zealand.