



MEDIA ALERT

Leading physicians to convene for RACP Congress 2015

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Australasia's top specialist physicians will share the latest developments in healthcare at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Congress in Cairns next week.

The Congress 'Breaking Boundaries Creating Connections' will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre between Sunday, 24 and Wednesday, 27 May 2015.

Topics at the forefront of healthcare including refugee health, medical cannabis, end-of-life care and gender identity will feature in the [Congress program](#).

Highlights of the program include:

- Paediatric healthcare in refugee detention
- Medical cannabis and the treatment of epilepsy in children, Canada's experience with customised medical cannabis health care programs for the terminally ill
- Managing end-of-life care, the expanding role of palliative care across medical disciplines
- Increased awareness and reporting of gender dysphoria in Australian children
- Specialists' role in primary Indigenous healthcare
- Taking a stand against physical punishment of children

Prominent speakers include:

- Mr Terry Roycroft (Canada), founder of Medicinal Cannabis Resource Centre, a private organisation that supports patients looking for legal access and guidance for medical cannabis
- Mr Paris Aristotle (AU) CEO of Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture, a specialised service for people of a refugee background
- Associate Professor James Ward (AU), who has more than 15 years' experience as a health researcher working in Aboriginal health and communities in Australia
- Ms Elaine Pearson, Australian Director Human Rights Watch, which encourages the Australian government to prioritise human rights as part of its foreign policy

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To register your interest in attending the RACP Congress 2015 and/or to receive media releases, please contact Ryan Lipman on (+61) 2 9256 9650, (+61) 408 639 697 or ryan.lipman@racp.edu.au.

For the full Congress program, please see the [Congress website](#).

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