

Media Release

RACP supports release of Second Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has today welcomed the release of the Second Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation – a publication which identifies variation in healthcare.

The Second Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation focuses on four areas including chronic disease and infection, cardiovascular conditions, women’s health and maternity and surgical interventions.

RACP President Dr Catherine Yelland said the publication is an invaluable resource that many RACP Fellows had worked on.

“The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is to be congratulated for its publication of the Second Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation,” explained Dr Yelland.

“The identification of variations is a major step towards improving the quality and value of health care services. Now we have this information, it is critical that we improve our understanding of why variation is occurring so it can be reduced, where necessary.”

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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.