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RACP set to drive high-value patient care at EVOLVE Forum

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Clinical leaders from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) are convening in Sydney today to work on driving improvements in patient care, as part of the RACP EVOLVE initiative.

Launched last year, as an international movement, EVOLVE is a physician-led initiative that seeks to drive safe, high-quality patient care through the identification and reduction of low-value medical practices and interventions.

There are 10 EVOLVE lists published on evolve.edu.au with another 14 lists currently under development. These are based on rigorous reviews of evidence and draw on the experience of Australia's leading clinical experts.

Professor Nick Talley, who will open the EVOLVE Forum, said these lists shine a light on the specialties 'top five' clinical practices that offer little or no benefit to some patients.

"Working to ensure the highest quality care for our patients is at the heart of what it means to be a physician and paediatrician. This is what the EVOLVE initiative is all about and why it continues to grow and gain momentum," explained Professor Talley.

"This work will lead to improved knowledge and changes in clinical practice, helping to ensure patients get the highest quality care they need.

"The partnership between the RACP and its associated Specialty Societies supports physicians and paediatricians to stay up-to-date with contemporary practice," he added.

ABC Radio's Dr Norman Swan will facilitate the Forum, with a key focus on:

- Cross-specialty discussion about the implications, common themes and learnings arising from the EVOLVE lists finalised so far.
- Effective strategies to translate these recommendations into clinical practice.

For more information on the 2016 RACP EVOLVE Forum and to view the completed lists, [click here](#).

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About The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP): The RACP trains, educates and advocates on behalf of more than 15,000 physicians and 7,500 trainee physicians across Australia and New Zealand.

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.