## **RACP Obesity statement**

- Obesity is a disease
- Obesity is a systemic, societal problem
- Sections:
  - Public health advocacy
  - Reducing weight bias
  - Supporting patients
  - Access to bariatric surgery
  - Co-design actions with priority populations



Action to prevent obesity and reduce its impact across the life course

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## **RACP** recommendations



- Weight as a vital sign
- Optimise health at any weight
  - Diet, PA, sleep, stress, medications etc
- Prevent further weight gain
- <u>Carefully</u> consider weight loss attempts