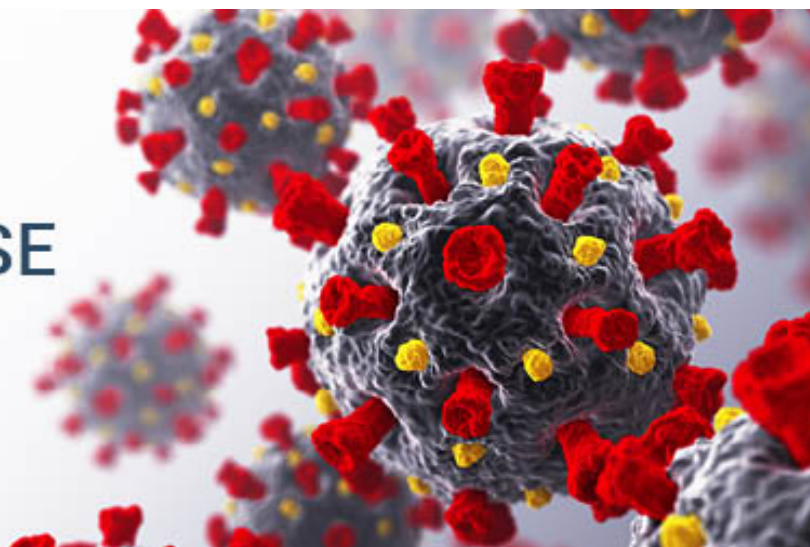


UPDATE

RACP COVID-19 RESPONSE



As at 6 May 2020

Advocacy

- The College's Policy and Advocacy team will be undertaking a member survey to capture current member experiences and insights on the use of the new telehealth items. The results of this survey will feed into long-term advocacy by the College on the use of telehealth.
- The College has advocated on the safe use of point-of-care testing for use in remote Indigenous communities.

Advisory Groups – Whole of College

- The advice for pregnant care workers prepared by the Working Group, comprised of the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (AFOEM) Faculty Policy and Advocacy Committee (FPAC) along with two additional specialists, has been reviewed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) as per recent Government requirements. The group is responding to minor comments by the AHPPC.
- AFOEM is preparing advice on the effective use of PPE in different settings.

Advisory Groups – Education Learning and Assessment

- Clinical Exam Committees and Education staff are now working on proposals for how the DCE will be run in 2021 for the 2020 cohort. The Sub-Group have met to discuss and work through what options are feasible. Further updates on this will be provided at the next meeting of the Exams Advisory Group scheduled on Friday, 15 May 2020.
- The Sub-Group of the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group has been established to determine how provisional progression into Advanced Training will work. A high-level approach has been agreed. Feedback has been received from members of the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group and is now going to the College Education Committee (CEC) for out-of-session approval. The Sub-Group met on 1 May 2020 to discuss a process map and principles to support provisional progression, with outcomes to be presented at the next meeting of the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group on Friday, 8 May 2020.
- Further guidance has been developed about the requirement for a research project and circulated to all members of the Training and Accreditation Advisory Group for feedback. This will now go to the CEC for out-of-session approval.
- A large number of [FAQs](#) have been published based on all enquiries received to date.

Professional Practice

Trainees

- [FAQs](#) addressing trainee concerns are now published.

RACP Resources

- [College COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce – evidence-based clinical guidelines](#)