

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

POSITION:	Five (5) RACP members of the Ethics Committee
ORGANISATION:	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)
LOCATION:	Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand
INDUSTRY:	Professional Member Association/ Education and Training of Physicians
ORGANISATION TYPE:	Not-for-Profit with Charitable Status
REMUNERATION:	Nil, but reasonable travel expenses to attend the one (1) face-to-face meeting will be reimbursed.

Position Description

The RACP seeks to appoint five (5) RACP members, Fellows or Trainees, to its Ethics Committee with relevant skills and expertise.

To ensure the Ethics Committee fulfils its scope and purpose effectively, the following are being sought of applicants for the five (5) RACP member positions:

- **Currently working in regional, rural, and/or remote physician practice**, to provide perspectives on the unique ethical challenges faced in these settings; or
- **Currently working in paediatric medicine**, to address the complex ethical considerations in caring for children and young people; or
- **Currently working in the Aotearoa New Zealand healthcare system**, to ensure representation of its distinct cultural and structural contexts; and
- **Knowledge of ethics in policy and advocacy**, to guide the College's work in shaping healthcare policy and advocating for ethical practices.

Applicants should:

- provide relevant skills and expertise to the Ethics Committee;
- not represent any particular organisation;
- be prepared to devote time and energy to the role on a pro bono basis.

The Ethics Committee is a vital advisory body to the RACP, advising on ethical issues affecting RACP members and the broader medical community. These issues may span policy development, advocacy, education, clinical practice, and healthcare delivery, ensuring the College upholds the highest ethical standards in all its endeavours.

In all its work, the Ethics Committee acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori cultures, belief systems and worldviews are foundational to understanding ethics in these lands.

The Ethics Committee meets up to three (3) times a year, including one (1) face-to-face meeting at RACP's head office in Sydney (an all-day meeting) and all other times via Zoom videoconference (2 to 4 hours).

The Ethics Committee membership comprises:

- 8 x RACP members (including at least 1 x Trainee)
- 1 x Māori representative
- 1 x Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island representative
- 2 x healthcare consumer representatives
- 1 x Non-clinical ethicist
- 1 x Legal professional

The Ethics Committee is supported by the RACP Policy & Advocacy team.

Context of the Ethics Committee

The RACP has been supporting the health of the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand people for over 85 years. The RACP is a large and diverse educational institution and membership body that delivers post-graduate training and continuing professional development to over 30,000 Fellows and trainee Members.

The RACP operates in a highly regulated context, subject to constant change. Health technologies are rapidly advancing, and more physicians are working as part of multidisciplinary teams, often in community and hospital settings. These trends will only increase as the healthcare system responds to an aging population, the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, demands for patient-centred care, and growing funding pressures. There is also a trend for trainees' medical education requirements and the Fellowship's continuing professional development to become broader and more rigorous.

To meet these demands, the RACP is adapting and responding to our Fellows' and trainees' changing needs to serve our communities.

The Ethics Committee ensures that the RACP continues to deliver high-quality physician education and training programs, support future healthcare systems, and provide health policy leadership.

If you are interested in applying for the position on the Ethics Committee, please complete and provide the attached Expression of Interest form with a copy of your CV to the Ethics Committee Secretariat via Ethics@racp.edu.au by **COB Friday, 14 February 2025**.

Attachments

1. [RACP Ethics Committee By Law](#)
2. Expression of Interest Form