



ADULT MEDICINE DIVISION COUNCIL

Meeting 01-2015

COMMUNIQUE

The following Communiqué reports on the business addressed at the Adult Medicine Division Strategy Session held on Thursday 16 April and the AMD Council meeting held on Friday 17 April 2015.

AMD Strategy Session

The AMD Council held a strategy-based session on 16 April to progress the development of the new Model of Collaboration, the framework that expresses and underpins the relationship between the Societies and the RACP. The MoC sets out the:

1. Principles which underpin all interactions between the societies and the RACP;
2. Activities in which this interdependence will be expressed, which offer opportunity for collaboration between the RACP and the Societies;
3. Specific roles the Societies and the RACP will play in expressing this interdependency; and
4. Opportunities for additional collaboration

The strategy session also provide the opportunity for AMD Councillors to consider the proposed RACP Board Governance Reforms, in particular how these may affect the College's relationship with affiliated Specialty Societies.

New AMD Council Members

The AMD Council welcomed the new Specialty Society Representative for the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID), Prof Cheryl Jones.

A full list of all current AMD Council members is available on the [AMD website](#).

Special Society Reports

The AMD Council invites Specialty Society Representatives to share information by submitting activity reports to each Council meeting. The AMD Council was pleased to receive reports from the following Specialty Societies:

- Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology
- Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine
- Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases
- Australasian Sleep Association
- Human Genetics Society of Australasia

GOVERNANCE

AMD Councillors noted the previous day's discussion regarding College Governance Reform activity and were supportive of the College's efforts to establish a governance model appropriate for increasingly fast-changing and complex health care and corporate governance environments.

RACP Workforce Working Party

A key priority for the AMD Council has been advocating for the College to take a greater role in medical workforce matters. At its most recent meeting the Council received an update from the RACP

Workforce Working Party, which has been established to develop strategies to address these issues as a College.

Council noted a Horizons paper was being developed by the Working Party, which would address where the College should focus its future education and workforce activities. This paper would be first in a series of discussion papers considering workforce issues.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AMC / MCNZ Accreditation

The AMD Council received advice that the College had been awarded 6 years accreditation by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ). This is the maximum amount of accredited time that could be granted by the AMC and is a significant achievement. The Council congratulated both the RACP Board and all College staff involved in the accreditation process for achieving such a positive result.

Council noted the AMC/MCNZ had also made a series of recommendations which the College would be required to address in order to maintain its accreditation, and that the College was being proactive in meeting these requirements, having gone some way already to resolving some of the issues cited by the AMC/MCNZ. The Council will receive regular progress reports from Education Services on the College's progress in meeting the AMC/MCNZ's conditions, and expressed its willingness to assist the College in these efforts.

Council also received an update on the development of a selection into training strategy and associated broad consultation undertaken by the College which will support the College's ability to maintain and sustain capacity to train.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

EVOLVE – evaluating evidence, enhancing efficiencies

The AMD Council received a report on the College's EVOLVE project, which seeks to drive evidence-based high-value care and identify tests and interventions that are shown to be ineffective or unnecessary in some circumstances. A key component of the project is the involvement of the Specialty Societies. Over 40 Specialty Society Representatives were in attendance at the launch of the EVOLVE initiative in March, with some already in the process of forming lists of less effective interventions for their own specialty areas.

Councillors acknowledged the positive response to the EVOLVE initiative and agreed to continue assisting the College on this project through their Specialty Societies.

FELLOWSHIP

AMD Councillors discussed the forthcoming RACP Congress 2015, with specific regard to the End of Life Care content of the meeting; the contribution being made by individual societies to the highly popular clinical updates in the AMD Program Stream was noted with appreciation.

The Council also discussed the report on the AMD Internal Medicine Journal and agreed to seek opportunity to provide greater AMD support to the IMJ Editorial Board in recognition of the growing demands associated with producing a journal of this kind.

Professor John Wilson
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