



Election of RACP Member Director Candidate Profiles

There are FOUR (4) candidates for ONE (1) position.



Professor Nicholas BUCKMASTER

Introductory Statement

As an experienced Board member I bring strategic thinking, analytic skills and respectful debate to the College Board. I contribute to Board processes to help to ensure that decisions are timely, and well considered to support our management. I work to preserve our excellence in health care standards while strongly supporting innovation to drive better training frameworks and better support for our members. I advocate for better strategies to better address workforce imbalances, including helping to ensure that Rural, Regional and Remote workforce issues are prioritised. I have a strong history of working with many College bodies which gives me a broad knowledge of processes and member needs

Since joining the Board last year I have been contributing through our board committees to improving our College project management frameworks, our risk management strategies and our IT program of work.

As a member of the College Education Committee I am contributing to the work in reforming our curricula and our assessment programs. I believe that these changes in our frameworks and processes for education, accreditation and assessment are required to respond to the needs of our members (trainees, assessors and supervisors) for an efficient, person-centred system.

Skills and Experience and Background

I am a Queensland General and Respiratory Physician with a long experience and knowledge of our College, including engagement in the General and Acute Medicine advanced training committee, the Queensland regional committee (including as Chair), working as Director of Physician training most recently at Gold Coast, Chairing the College Council, and Chairing the College Consumer Advisory group.

I have also been a member of the College Policy and Advocacy Executive Committee and of the Adult Medicine Division and Executive.

I am passionate about improving our Health system for consumers and for clinicians and have worked extensively in Health improvement strategy including eHealth, consumer engagement, and workplace processes and conditions in order to support more efficient and person-centred systems. I have contributed to clinical training initially in pre-vocational medical education and was responsible for developing the role of Medical Education Officers in Australia

Primary skills

Governance:

- Experienced Board member: RACP Board 2014-18, 2024-current, Health Informatics Society of Australia board 2012-15
- Member AICD, completed course work Company Directors Course
- Chair College Council 2020-23
- President IMSANZ 2011-12

Information technology: Queensland Health integrated Electronic Medical record Clinical lead 2012-14 with engagement in system design, cyber security, device procurement and configuration and implementation strategy

Secondary skills

Strategy:

- Chaired College Regional, Rural and Remote working group to produce RRR strategy and implementation plan
- Co-Chair College Policy and Advocacy Chronic Disease strategy Working group
- Clinical lead Queensland Health Comprehensive Care project 2021-3

Finance: Observer RACP Finance and Risk committee 2024-

- Experience in overseeing finances on many projects

Risk: Experienced in clinical, project and organisational risk including RACP, Gold Coast Health service, IT programs

Project management: I have managed multiple projects in Queensland Health and am familiar with project methodologies. I have contributed to improving the RACP project management frameworks since joining the Board.



Professor Tissa WIJERATNE

Introductory Statement

I am Professor Tissa Wijeratne, a neurologist with roots in Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Australia, and I am honored to submit my candidacy for a position on the RACP Board. I have been driven by a deep passion to improve patient care, advance research, and mentor future physicians. Since 2001, I have grown alongside the RACP community, which has been central to my professional and personal development. My active participation in various RACP committees has provided me with invaluable insights and experiences. I have contributed to initiatives such as the BPT curriculum and the SPDP, working closely with colleagues to shape training standards and promote excellence in clinical practice. These engagements have reinforced my commitment to continuous improvement and helping to build a robust framework for mentoring and leadership within our profession. My journey with RACP has not only honed my clinical and academic skills but also deepened my dedication to the values and vision of the College. I am eager to bring my experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to the Board to further advance our shared mission.

Skills and Experience and Background

I bring robust expertise in governance, having served on boards such as the Brain Foundation, the Migraine Foundation, and as an elected Trustee for the World Federation of Neurology. These roles have given me a clear appreciation of contemporary governance practices and the responsibilities of a Director. I understand what it takes to operate at the board level and guide our College with transparency and accountability.

While I am not an expert in information technology and cybersecurity, I fully recognize their critical importance. I will rely on trained experts in these fields to ensure our digital strategies protect sensitive data and support efficient operations. My role is to provide leadership and strategic direction, drawing on my vast experience in leadership and cultural awareness gained from training and working across three different continents. As a senior physician serving one of the largest CALD communities, I know firsthand the value of diversity and inclusiveness.

I also bring strong skills in strategy development, having helped shape initiatives that align with long-term goals and drive innovation. My financial acumen is backed by extensive experience in overseeing budgets, financial statements, and policy frameworks, ensuring sound financial management and decision-making.

Risk management is another area where I excel. I have a proven track record in identifying both traditional and emerging risks—including those related to psychosocial factors—and in developing robust strategies to mitigate them. My legal understanding, built on years of board-level decision-making, enables me to navigate the legal environment affecting our work. I hold deep Indigenous cultural awareness. I have worked across diverse communities, prioritizing cultural safety, respect for social norms, and engagement with local customs. My extensive project management experience, coupled with a strong commitment to education and training, further support our collective vision and drive impactful change on the RACP Board.



Professor Jeanette WARD

Introductory Statement

With about 22,000 Fellows and 10,000 trainees in our College, chances are that you and I have never met. Yet I predict we have a lot in common. We chose medicine as a profession to make a difference. We chose medical specialisation for fulfilling careers. We revel in complex challenges requiring intellectual heft, an empirical evidence base, integrity and teamwork. For these reasons and more, we share a significant interest in the College succeeding as our peak medical body.

Skills and Experience and Background

Why vote for me? I've done all the things you're expecting. Yes, I've work in the public hospital system, the private sector, academia and not-for-profit sector. Yes, I have extensive experience as a Non-Executive Director including as Ministerial appointment for a health entity with \$1.5billion annual budget. Yes, I've served on Board subcommittees including finance, audit, risk, investment, CEO performance and nominations. Yes, I've done the AICD course and exam. Yes, I hold FAICD in recognition of my governance skills and fiduciary expertise. Yes, I am the current President of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. Yes, I've published extensively including medical education. But none of this matters if I can't articulate what the College is for and why it matters if the College drifts from its core purpose and unique responsibility to us. There's nothing tokenistic in how I work or the perspectives I bring. I'm a second-generation feminist. I hold non-Indigenous membership of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association. I live in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia. If elected to the RACP Board, I pledge meaningful strategies to ensure high standards of specialist medical practice in both Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. A vote for me signals your expectations of a clear line of positive impact from strategic vision to daily corporate operations. This is my statement to you.



Dr Simone BARRY

Introductory Statement

I am a dedicated clinician, researcher, and public health advocate with a deep commitment to health equity, particularly for underserved populations in rural and remote communities. As Medical Director of the SA Tuberculosis Service and a Thoracic and Sleep Physician, I have led initiatives that break down barriers to care, ensuring that vulnerable populations—particularly Indigenous communities—have access to timely, culturally safe, and high-quality healthcare. My leadership in national and international health policy, including with the WHO Western Pacific Technical Advisory Group and the National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee, has strengthened health system responses to inequity and guided policies that prioritise those most at risk of being left behind.

If elected to the RACP Board, I will champion equity in healthcare access, physician training, and workforce distribution. I will advocate for stronger rural and remote training pathways, investment in Indigenous-led healthcare models, and evidence-based policies that ensure all communities—regardless of geography or socioeconomic status—receive the care they need.

With a solutions-driven and collaborative approach to governance, I will ensure that the College continues to lead in advancing physician training, research, and advocacy—with a clear and unwavering focus on health equity for all Australians and Aotearoa New Zealanders.

Skills and Experience and Background

I bring significant governance experience, currently serving as Medical Director of the SA Tuberculosis Service, where I lead policy development, strategic planning, and financial oversight. I also hold advisory roles with WHO and the National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee, ensuring high-level engagement in risk management, legal compliance, and public health governance. My work has required extensive stakeholder engagement, including government, Indigenous health leaders, and international health bodies, ensuring that policies are equitable, sustainable, and evidence-based.

With expertise in health strategy and risk management, I have designed culturally safe healthcare models for Indigenous communities, integrating digital health solutions to improve healthcare access. My experience in project management includes overseeing large-scale screening programs and workforce development initiatives, ensuring their financial viability and operational success.

As an educator and researcher, I contribute to medical education at the University of Adelaide and am involved in developing training pathways for rural and Indigenous healthcare. I have secured major research funding, including NHMRC and international grants, to support health equity and lung health research. My policy and advocacy efforts focus on reducing healthcare disparities, particularly for underserved and remote populations.

I have demonstrated strong financial acumen, managing budgets and resource allocation within statewide health programs, and I understand the financial and operational complexities of non-profit organisations.

My leadership roles across national and international organisations reflect my ability to drive strategic change, foster collaboration, and uphold governance excellence. As a Board Director, I will bring a solutions-focused approach to governance, ensuring that the College's strategic direction prioritises equity, sustainability, and excellence in medical education and training.

Election of AChAM Committee: President-elect Candidate Profiles

There are THREE (3) candidates for ONE (1) position.



Dr Jonathan BRET

Introductory Statement

I have been a fellow of the chapter of addiction medicine for over 10 years. This included 4 years on the addiction advanced training committee and two years as coordinator of addiction training. During this tenure I co-organised and facilitated two training days for addiction trainees prior to the International Medicine in Addiction Conference. I also spent time lobbying the College to have Addiction Medicine recognised as a stand alone specialty. Specifically this involved advocacy for a pathway to FRACP for people who have completed basic physician training and the FRACP exam without the need to dual train in another specialty. I have also been involved in a number of national policy issues associated with addiction medicine. In 2022/3 I sat on the pharmaceutical benefits scheme review committee that revised the national funding of opioid agonist therapy to facilitate more equitable access. I led the development of a new model of care for people presenting to emergency services with complex alcohol, drug, mental and physical health problems (PANDA Unit) and have been working with NSW Ministry of Health to roll out similar models across the state. I am committed to building a strong, resilient addiction medicine work force.

Skills and Experience and Background

I am a dual-trained specialist in Clinical Pharmacology and Addiction Medicine, serving as a senior staff specialist at St. Vincent's Hospital, where I lead the Psychiatry and Non-Prescription Drug and Alcohol Unit. Additionally, I work as a clinical toxicologist for the NSW Poisons Information Centre and a general physician at Griffith Base Hospital.

I have played a key role in medical education, serving on the Addiction Medicine Advanced Training Committee for four years, including two as coordinator. I have led site accreditation visits, overseen training workshops, and co-supervised Addiction Medicine trainees.

In policy and advocacy, I contributed to the recognition of Addiction Medicine as a stand-alone specialty and assisted with curriculum redesign. My research focuses on addiction and pharmacoepidemiology, with over 90 peer-reviewed publications and an NHMRC Investigator Grant. I am a conjoint Associate Professor at UNSW and lead three international research programs on medication safety in pregnancy, psilocybin-assisted psychotherapy, and emergency care for individuals with complex drug, alcohol, and mental health comorbidities. These projects emphasize consumer engagement, co-design, and knowledge translation.

As a fellow of the NHMRC Medicines Intelligence Centre of Research Excellence at UNSW, I lead the medication safety in pregnancy program and chair the knowledge translation portfolio. I also serve as an editor for the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* and *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. Throughout my career, I have remained dedicated to supporting fellows and trainees, ensuring high training standards in Addiction Medicine.



Dr Wole AKOSILE

Introductory Statement

I stand before you as a candidate for the position of AChAM President-elect, driven by a passion for advancing addiction medicine and improving the lives of those affected by SUDs. With two decades of experience as a Clinician-Researcher, Addiction Medicine Physician, and Psychiatrist, I bring a unique blend of clinical expertise, research acumen, and leadership experience to this role. My journey in addiction medicine has taken me from the frontlines of patient care to the helm of large-scale programs, such as the NT D/A Service. I serve as director of the Addictions, TMS and chair of the New Farm Clinic MAC. These roles have honed my ability to navigate complex healthcare environments. As an active Medical Board of Australia member and the Oceania representative for ISAM, I am committed to maintaining professional standards and fostering global collaboration in our field. I am dedicated to advancing research and education, having over 35 publications and a position as an associate professor at UQ. If elected, I pledge to lead with vision, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to improving health outcomes across Australasia. Together, we can propel our field forward and make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

Skills and Experience and Background

A/Prof. Akosile brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the position of AChAM President-elect. As a distinguished Clinician-Researcher, Addiction Medicine Physician, and Addiction Psychiatrist, he possesses a unique blend of clinical, academic, and leadership skills crucial for this role.

Clinical Expertise

With extensive experience treating substance use disorders, PTSD, and other psychiatric illnesses, A/Prof. Akosile has demonstrated a comprehensive approach to patient care. His current role as Director of the Addictions and Trans Magnetic Program at New Farm Clinic showcases his ongoing commitment to clinical excellence.

Research and Academic Contributions

A/Prof. Akosile's research background is impressive, with over 35 publications and 20 first-author papers in Addiction Medicine and Psychiatry. His groundbreaking PhD work on PTSD, Depression, and coronary artery disease has been published in high-impact journals. As an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland, he continues to advance the field through research and education.

Leadership and Management

His leadership experience is exemplified by roles such as Clinical Director of the Northern Territory Top End Health Drug and Alcohol Service and his current position as chairperson of the New Farm Clinic Medical Advisory Committee. These roles demonstrate his ability to manage complex healthcare environments effectively.

Professional Regulation and Governance

A/Prof. Akosile's involvement with the Medical Board of Australia, including his membership on the Queensland Medical Board Notification Committee, underscores his commitment to maintaining high professional standards.

International Representation

As the Oceania representative of the International Society of Addiction Medicine, he brings a global perspective to AChAM, aligning with the organisation's goal of promoting education and training in addiction medicine. This combination of clinical expertise, research acumen, leadership experience, and international representation positions A/Prof. Akosile as an ideal candidate to guide AChAM in its mission to advance addiction medicine in Australasia.



Dr James FINN

Introductory Statement

Addiction medicine is a blend of clinical medicine and public health medicine. It exists in tension between the evidence based clinically indicated practice and the reality of the practice which can be accomplished with the resources available within our political and industrial environment. Advocacy for our patients with our resource allocators and law makers is an essential mission of the college. An example of advocacy is that within Queensland pill testing is no longer financially ongoingly supported by government and while recognising this reality through appropriate college channels we can and are advocating for the Qld government to support this important pill testing intervention.

Listening and learning is a vital part of the role of the president elect and the guidance of evidence based medicine tempered by what can be achieved within cultural contexts must always be our beckoning principle.

I would enjoy the excellent learning opportunity to understudy Professor John Saunders during his presidential term and consider that the term of president elect would enable me to upskill to in future undertake the vitally important role of President of the Chapter of Addiction medicine RACP.

Skills and Experience and Background

I consider that as a former state president of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland, former vice president of the RDAA together with experience as the state Vice president of the Australian Medical Association of Queensland, I have experience for advocacy with state and federal health departments and governments. I acknowledge that any external advocacy in a Chapter position would be initially internal and would only be external to the RACP if college approval were obtained.

Education - Initially prior to medicine I was a secondary school physics and maths teacher. Educating has been a core part of my professional life since 1988. As a former chair of the board of General Practice Training Queensland I led a state level registrar training institution through a period of expansion and successful re-tendering. As a foundation director of Health Leaders Australia I was involved in the development and implementation of the HLA (t/a QPMA) intern training accreditation body of Queensland Health Hospitals.

As the federal Vice President (Education) of RDAA I assisted in that bodies education policy.

Personally I have experience in registrar selection for the Australian college of Rural and Remote Medicine and have regularly supervise registrars / advanced trainees of both the RANZCP and the RACP.

I have been on the RACP Addiction Medicine Chapter Committee since 2022 as the Queensland convenor and have greatly enjoyed that role. I have learnt a great deal from our President Adrian Dunlop and my fellow chapter committee members.

AChPM: Committee Representative Candidate Profiles

There are THREE (3) candidates for TWO (2) positions.



Dr Ben GUNAWAN

Introductory Statement

I hope to be able to use my leadership experience, particularly in domain of organizational culture, passion for personal and institutional change through reflective practice, and belief in our profession and its future, to contribute to the growth and function of the Committee.

As a coal-face clinician first and foremost, who dual-trained across a large state with variable interaction with the RACP. Advocacy in areas not always representative of member concerns, difficulty in delivering timely support or decisions, or opaque practices and function are several examples. To improve member engagement and confidence, I would like to try engage the cohort that typically does not engage with the College. Increasing complexity of medicine has affected Palliative Care significantly and this generation of practitioners are experiencing an identity crisis – our scope, volume and resourcing, proliferation of voluntary assisted dying and precision cancer care. The Chapter and College are in a commanding position to lead in this space, and I believe I have the skill, experience and passion to contribute.

Skills and Experience and Background

1. I am a dual trained Palliative Medicine Physician and Medical Oncologist working full time in a 1000+ bed tertiary hospital in QLD. I have been the department clinical lead since 2018, which is part of the largest HHS-wide Palliative Care service in QLD.

2. I have the services' education portfolio, curate AT education, plus Palliative Care training at my hospital. I'm part of the Statewide Palliative Medicine Education panel. Regularly contribute to intern/BPT teaching & physician exams.

I chair the Hospital Advisory Group for End-of-Life Care & completed service-wide audits. I updated the HHS-wide mortality screening form to include quality of death metrics. After many years of advocacy and work, have now obtained Palliative care beds, supported & celebrated across whole hospital!

I'm the inaugural chair of the hospital's Clinical Senate, tasked primarily with organizational culture. I have run the well-attended QLD Palliative Care Interest Group (PCIG) for years.

3. Being clinical director, chair of the clinical senate, of PCIG and multiple committees, I have extensive leadership experience. Notable achievements: opening first palliative care beds in our hospital, elected inaugural chair of the clinical senate, several hospital-wide education initiatives.

4. I'm well versed in governance through position as department lead and through attending executive leadership meetings as Senate Chair. Strategic experience in service development in building staff, consultation-liaison role, admissions/discharge work instruction and new model of care for inpatient beds.

5. I'm regularly exposed to marketing and communications through advocacy for our palliative care unit, and my role in the clinical senate. I work regularly with hospital media/coms and write a column in the hospital-wide correspondence every month. All outlined above require considerable health management and administrative work. I complete accreditation review and documentation for palliative medicine advance training at the site and hospital NSQHS for Standard 5.



Dr Chi LI

Introductory Statement

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for supporting my nomination.

I am strongly committed to supporting the work of the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine (TCPM). As a recent member of TCPM who remains actively involved in its work, I have a deep appreciation of the challenges it faces while supporting our increasing number of trainees, supervisors and training sites – challenges amplified by recent and ongoing changes to the staffing, structure and curriculum at the College. I will work with the Chapter President and AChPM Committee to advocate for additional support for the TCPM from the College to ensure the quality of palliative medicine training is maintained across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

I am also eager to advance rural and remote palliative medicine training. As a rural palliative medicine physician, I firmly believe in the value of 'training in place' – supporting doctors to undertake training within their own communities – in order to improve access to palliative medicine in the bush. I will work with the Chapter President and AChPM Committee to provide leadership and guidance to the College in this important area of need – an area it is already engaging in through the Rural and Remote Institute of Palliative Medicine project.

Skills and Experience and Background

I have been working as a palliative medicine physician since 2015. I am currently based in Albury-Wodonga, working across community, inpatient, and hospital consultation-liaison palliative care settings on both sides of the Victorian-New South Wales border. I have previously worked and trained at several health services in Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat.

My leadership and community service experience that will help me to contribute to the work of the AChPM Committee include:

- RACP/AChPM Training Committee in Palliative Medicine (TCPM)
 - Lead in Site Accreditation (2022-2024)
 - Senior Accreditor (since 2024)
 - Case study and project maker (since 2019)
- Australia New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (ANZSPM)
 - Rural and Remote Institute of Palliative Medicine (RRIPM) project steering committee (since 2022)
 - Rural and Remote Special Interest Group working group (since 2019)
 - Newsletter editor (2012-2022)
 - Medical and Surgical Update meeting organising committee (2017-2021)
 - Council Secretary (2018-2020)
 - General Councillor (2016-2020)
- Other relevant leadership and community service experience
 - Clinical Director of Subacute Medicine, Albury Wodonga Health (2023-2024)
 - Therapeutic Guidelines: Palliative Care expert writing group (2021-2023)
 - COVID-19 Expert Working Group - Older People / Palliative Care, Safer Care Victoria (2020)
 - Collaborative Pairs Australia program facilitator, Consumers Health Forum of Australia (2018-2020)

In particular, my experiences with the TCPM and the RRIPM project (which is auspiced by the RACP) have given me a better understanding on how the College works - and how to work with it. Furthermore, my time on the TCPM and ANZSPM Council, plus my ten-year tenure as ANZSPM Newsletter editor, have provided me with opportunities to engage with a wide range of palliative medicine colleagues from across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. I look forward to drawing upon all of these experiences to contribute meaningfully to the work of the AChPM Committee.



Dr Nicola MORGAN

Introductory Statement

I am standing for election as a Committee Representative for the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (AChPM). I am a Specialist Palliative Care physician, researcher, and educator on the Gold Coast, with Honorary Adjunct Assistant Professor status at Bond University. I trained in medicine at Cambridge and Oxford Universities and have worked as a palliative care physician in Adelaide, Cairns, and the Gold Coast. Prior to retraining in palliative care, I spent 15 years in both rural and urban general practice, equipping me with a broad skill set and a deep understanding of the needs of patients living with terminal illness, particularly in rural and regional communities. Over the past 20 years, I have been involved in training physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals, and I have presented at State, National, and international conferences.

Thank you for your service as palliative care physicians to our community. If elected, I commit to serving you and our profession with integrity, enthusiasm, and a passion for ensuring AChPM remains at the forefront of palliative care in Australia and New Zealand.

Skills and Experience and Background

As Queensland Clinical Lead for the Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care (SPACE) Project and Medical Lead for the Queensland Palliative Care Strategy rollout, have provided collaborative leadership, strategic advice, and expert input. I have worked closely with Hospital and Health Service (HHS) teams and the Department of Health to deliver outcomes. I have also contributed to the development of clinical resources and supported HHSs in implementing models of care in line with the Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy.

I am a passionate advocate for holistic care and advanced communication skills, particularly in the context of end-of-life care. My research interests focus on the quality use of medications at the end of life and innovation in palliative care. As a lifelong learner, I recently completed a Master of Healthcare Innovation to deepen my knowledge and drive positive change in the healthcare system.

My Vision and Priorities:

- **Leadership by the College:** I am committed to ensuring our college leads in healthcare policy at governmental, societal, and individual levels. I will advocate at the Federal, State, and local levels to ensure our profession remains sustainable and aligned with future workforce and community needs.
- **Evidence-informed Policy Advocacy:** I will push for policies based on evidence and member expertise, ensuring our voices shape healthcare policy development.
- **Supporting the Healthcare Workforce:** I will advocate for high-quality training, career coaching, and reducing bureaucracy for trainees to create an environment where both current and future physicians thrive.
- **Fostering Physician Wellbeing:** I am committed to supporting mentorship initiatives and self-development programs that reduce burnout and promote the wellbeing of our physicians and trainees.
- **Equitable Access to Palliative Care:** I will advocate for increased access to palliative care in regional, rural, and remote areas, focusing on workforce training and initiatives for these communities.

Election of AChSHM: Fellow Candidate Profiles

There are TWO (2) candidates for ONE (1) position.



Dr Yen Li LIM

Introductory Statement

As an FRACGP and recent FACHSHM (Oct 2023), I can provide information and insight to the Chapter committee on primary health care issues which intersect with care objectives, service access and provision issues in Sexual Health Medicine. I have good collaborative relationships with primary health care professionals, my peers and our stakeholders.

I have worked in four different New South Wales local health districts in sexual health medicine in both metropolitan and regional areas. This has provided me with a greater understanding of the variety of challenges faced by both the clinical services and the priority population groups. By reducing barriers to access of clinical services, we can address some of the health inequities and inequalities faced by the target population groups.

By participating in the Chapter Committee, I aim to contribute to discussion and learn from other members. As well, I hope to gain an understanding of the RACP roles in training, the public space and consultation and with government. With recent local and international policy changes, it is important to maintain a voice for Sexual Health Physicians in Australia and New Zealand so we can continue to advocate.

Skills and Experience and Background

Currently, I am a Staff Specialist in NSW Health at The Albion Centre (high HIV caseload service) and Short Street Centre. I am also a medical officer with Family Planning Australia and provide clinical supervision to others.

Education and Training – Involved in the development and delivery of high standard education and training to medical students, GPs via Primary Health Networks, Sexual Health ATs, other doctors, nursing and allied health. Co-organiser of ATM 2023-current and ASM 2025. Providing support and mentorship to pre-contemplative and new/current trainees to progress through training and complete requirements including examination support thus contributing to the quality and numbers of the next generation of sexual health physicians.

Leadership contributions – Initiated project with ASHM to develop self paced module supporting GPs to increase rates of testing, treatment and public health unit mandatory notifications. Involved in recruitment and compilation of detailed feedback for the Cirricula renewal 2024 to advocate for comprehensive sexual health education and training while maintaining standards.

Strategy – Actively contributing to the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan by educating, advocating and innovating at every opportunity. I lead by example. Through my trainee mentoring and advocacy work, I support “Member experience and belonging” and “Physician and practice of the future”. I believe this will foster a philosophy of mentoring going forward. By creating close relationships, collaborative peer networks across Australia and New Zealand.

Accreditation – I have been closely involved with the recent re-accreditation of 3 sexual health training sites in NSW. Through my understanding of the accreditation process and provision of a reproductive and women’s health skill set, I was able to increase clinical services reflective of this and support accreditation for 3 months of reproductive health at two sites. These are the only two training sites in NSW which are accredited for 3 months of reproductive health.



Dr Fraser DRUMMOND

Introductory Statement

I have been a Fellow of the Chapter since 2013 and have been involved in the provision of care to initially people with HIV since 1996 in London which broadened to more general Sexual Health in 2006 at Clinic 16, RNSH. I was the Trainee Representative on the Chapter Committee for a number of years so have a good understanding of the work of the Committee. Having been the Medical Director ANZ at ViiV Healthcare for over 12 years I now bring a strong understanding of governance and risk management along with skills in stakeholder engagement and management. I bring a deep understanding of the needs of the community and the value in engaging with both community and government to ensure that all individuals no matter what their socioeconomic status or location is have access to the same levels of care to allow them to have the best Quality of Life available to them. Being a Chapter of the RACP brings it's own challenges as we are a small group of very committed clinicians who when required can and do rise to any need as has been seen recently with the mPox epidemic.

Skills and Experience and Background

1. I became a Fellow of the Chapter in May 2013, I have worked in clinical roles at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London, The Albion Centre Sydney, St Vincents Hospital, Sydney, Clinic 16, RNSH, Sydney Sexual Health Centre and I am now working full-time providing Telehealth Care for people who may be eligible for Medical Marijuana;
 2. While at ViiV Healthcare, I was deeply involved in both corporate policy work as well as working on the White Paper "Critical Steps Towards Addressing HIV in Australia: Perspectives and Priorities for Australia's HIV Goals" which was launched in Australia's Parliament House in 2017. This involved liaison with clinicians, researchers and critically community members. I have very strong relationships with all of the community's HIV NGOs and this is something I feel very strongly about. I also led a consortium which supported people with HIV who didn't have Medicare access so that they were able to get free treatment and through this supported NAPWHA and AFAO in their negotiations with the Federal Health Minister which led to removal of this impediment across all states and territories in Australia;
 3. I led the Medical Team at ViiV Healthcare and co-led the local company. In this role, we registered and launched on the PBS eight new medicines/combinations for PLHIV. My leadership style is very people-focused and charismatic and my goal is to always help people better themselves in all they do;
 4. As a member of both the local and international Risk Management Control Board I have a deep understanding of risk management and mitigation. Also accountable for all medical governance while at ViiV;
 5. Intimately involved in all communications & marketing to clinicians at ViiV and worked closely with community to ensure the needs and challenges facing indigenous communities was always top of mind.
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Election of AChSHM: Trainee Representative Candidate Profiles

There are TWO (2) candidates for ONE (1) position.



Dr Peta GARDAM

Introductory Statement

I will effectively contribute to the College Body because of my drive to ensure the functions listed in the by-law are upheld. I believe supporting fellows and trainees is they key to a successful workforce and Chapter moving forward. I pride myself on my interactions with others and making them feel heard and supported. If fellows and trainees are cared for - the other functions - working with other college bodies, promoting and advancing knowledge of sexual health, and being able to give advice to the college regarding sexual health - will come next. I will be able to confidently represent trainees and their input for changes to the curriculum as is actively being discussed.

Skills and Experience and Background

1. Medical degree UQ 2013, fellowed GP since 2019. I joined the ACSHM in August 2023 as a part time Advanced Trainee, before moving to full time in December 2024.
2. I have extensive experience in education, having spent almost 5 years in multiple roles within the University of Tasmania Medical School. I excel particularly in delivery and assessment, priding myself on working with individuals and how they learn best.

I have an interest in public policy and advocacy and wish to explore this further. I was involved in advocacy for pelvic pain and endometriosis research. This included being part of them team that initially endeavoured to have the PPEP talk/program brought to Tasmania.

Having been a team member of a clinical trial group - I am passionate about being a part of direct patient improvement from vital research.

3. I have been integral to continued clinical improvement within clinical spaces. I have been involed in multiplee accreditations in the general practice space. I demonstrate leadership and initiative in my current role. I am applying as I would like to expand on this.
4. In my current role I am actively participating in public health and other governance meetings. I am learning every day with regards to governance, strategy, finance and risk. I hope to be able to list further achievements in the future.
5. Whilst working with the DHHS I have been involved with the media team and learning more about strategic marketing. In particular I have a passion and involvement with health promotion and advocacy.

I have been involved in numerous programs regarding indigenous cultural awareness. I keep up to date with in house training and always endeavoured to instil what I learn in students I teach.

I believe I show initiative, reliability and commitment within my workplace.



Dr Ethan MACMINN

Introductory Statement

I'm a Sexual Health Advanced trainee currently working at RPA Sexual Health in Sydney. I'm particularly interested in teaching and advocacy, as shown by my involvement in organising the upcoming advanced trainee meeting, my presentations at meetings and by my current involvement with the AChSHM board.

Skills and Experience and Background

I am currently filling a casual vacancy as trainee representative on the AChSHM board in 2024 and would like to continue this work. To date my greatest achievement has been in providing feedback to the curriculum review committee for sexual health trainees, and subsequent removal of training requirements that impeded people completing their fellowship.

Election of NSW/ACT Committee: Adult Medicine Division Representative Candidate Profiles

There are TWO (2) candidates for ONE (1) position.



Dr Clinton COLACO

Introductory Statement

As an early-career Infectious Diseases and Acute Medicine Specialist, I am committed to strengthening the RACP through advocacy, research, and education. My vision is to enhance physician engagement, improve training and fellowship recognition frameworks, and advocate for equitable healthcare access. My leadership roles in clinical practice, research, and governance have provided me with a strong foundation to achieve in this area.

I am particularly keen to strengthen RACP's advocacy in digital health advancements and their incorporation into our hospitals and private systems. With my first-hand experience in the latter, and my breadth of experience in all major Eastern Australia hospital/health systems, I am perfectly placed to share the challenges and successes of such innovations. I believe I can contribute to the College's growth and ensure it remains at the forefront of healthcare innovation.

We are currently managing patients of increasingly complexity, age, and struggle with workplace shortages and poor working conditions. With recent developments in other craft groups, governments have looked towards supplying temporary workforces to fill voids left by experienced clinicians or a regular lack there of. Overseas-trained doctors are increasingly sought after, though lack the training and experience of local-based clinicians, though are limited by credentialing requirements

Skills and Experience and Background

1. I am a FRACP in Infectious Diseases, with extensive experience in acute and general medicine. I currently work as a Staff Specialist in the Acute Medical Unit at The Canberra Hospital and as a postgraduate Fellow in Infectious Diseases at Westmead Hospital, Sydney. I practice as a Visiting Medical Officer across multiple hospitals in NSW, ACT, and Queensland, and a consultant in private practice.
2.
 - Education and Training: Clinical Lecturer at the University of Sydney and Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland.
 - Policy and Advocacy: Member of the ASID Workforce Advocacy Working Group, contributed to NSW Health Mpox vaccine guidelines.
 - Research: Led and co-authored numerous studies, including international RCTs in the Infectious Diseases, and clinical audits.
 - Fellowship Matters: Engaged in advisory roles and strategic planning for physician development.
3. Held leadership roles such as Clinical Lead for the Preventing and Controlling Infections Sub-Committee at The Canberra Hospital, and as the Physician lead of multiple Medical Advisor Committees across NSW and QLD private hospitals.
4.
 - Governance: Experienced in governance through hospital advisory committees and policy development.

- Strategy: Implemented infection control and virtual healthcare strategies.
 - Finance: I have held multiple treasurer roles through non-government organisations. I am a Director of Azalea Health and Internal Medicine Australia, and oversee the day-to-day and overall financial management of the businesses.
 - Risk: Specialised in risk mitigation in antimicrobial stewardship and hospital infection control.
 - Legal: Familiar with medical governance regulations and compliance requirements.
- 5.
- Strategic Marketing & Communications: Experienced in stakeholder engagement and digital health advocacy. Several senior clinician and government based contacts throughout the East Coast of Australia.
 - Indigenous Cultural Awareness: Committed to culturally appropriate healthcare delivery.
 - Health Management & Administration: Involved in clinical leadership and hospital operations.
 - Accreditation: Experience with hospital audits and compliance processes, particularly standard 3 which relates to antimicrobial management.
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Dr Conner BLACKMORE

Introductory Statement

I am honoured to nominate myself for the position of NSW/ACT Adult Medicine Division Representative at the RACP. As a Basic Physician Trainee with a strong academic and research background, I am committed to enhancing physician training and advocating for trainees and Fellows within the College.

My experience in medical education, research, and quality improvement has given me insight into the challenges trainees face and the evolving needs of our profession. I have actively contributed to policy discussions through roles in state and hospital committees, including the AMA NSW Doctors in Training Committee and General Clinical Training Committee, advocating for training structures, workplace conditions, and trainee well-being.

Effective leadership requires transparency, collaboration, and advocacy. If elected, I will work to ensure that trainee concerns are heard, educational standards remain rigorous yet supportive, and the College continues to evolve to meet future healthcare challenges. I am passionate about fostering an environment where physicians can excel clinically, academically, and professionally, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the College and my colleagues.

Skills and Experience and Background

My medical career has been defined by a strong commitment to clinical excellence, research, education, and advocacy. I am currently a Basic Physician Trainee in South Western Sydney, where I have gained extensive experience across general medicine, cardiology, nephrology, and gastroenterology. My passion for research is evident through my multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals, including studies on hepatocellular carcinoma, metabolic liver disease, and endoscopic interventions. I have also presented at national and international conferences, earning recognition such as the 2024 RACP Trainee Research Award Finalist and Poster of Merit Finalist at Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW).

Beyond clinical work, I have been actively involved in medical education and training as a Conjoint Associate Lecturer at the University of NSW, where I teach and mentor junior doctors and medical students. My work on hospital committees, including the Delirium Committee and Communicating for Safety Committee, reflects my dedication to improving patient outcomes and hospital workflows.

As a representative, I will advocate for improved training pathways, mental health support for trainees, and equitable access to resources across metropolitan and regional hospitals. My experience in policy discussion and quality improvement equips me with the skills to collaborate with College leadership and effect meaningful change.

I am committed to representing the voices of my colleagues and ensuring that the College continues to support and empower its members through high-quality education, robust training frameworks, and a commitment to professional well-being.

Election of WA Committee: PCHD Representative or AMD Representative Candidate Profiles

There are FOUR (4) candidates for THREE (3) positions.



Dr Amit SAHA

Introductory Statement

Throughout my medical career, one of the things I take particular pride is my passion towards working for underprivileged, indigenous populations. Towards this, I have participated in voluntary medical camps in India and Africa, and one in particular, Sierra Leone in 2013, has been a life-changing experience. I am excited about this opportunity to join the college body as I feel it will give me a platform to engage in this space more meaningfully and contribute towards policy and advocacy to promote indigenous health locally and globally. I am keen to engage WA Fellows and trainees in providing regular feedback and consultations as I feel this will ensure an inclusive, collaborative and impactful approach towards better outcomes on WA based priorities. In particular, I would like to focus on primary health and community consultations/partnerships to promote accessibility and better health outcomes, advocate for the development of a robust WA-wide integrated ITC system and aim towards a sustainable medical workforce within WA, including a more seamless integration of IMGs within the workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to this opportunity to contribute my skills and passion to our shared success, in Western Australia and beyond.

Skills and Experience and Background

I have undertaken my higher specialist training in the NHS (UK), initially training in emergency medicine, and subsequently switching to paediatrics, which drew me to it. After completing my paediatrics and neonatology training, I undertook the RCPCH Grid subspeciality training in paediatric gastroenterology in London. After completion, I relocated with my family to Perth, Australia and have been working here since 2018, except for a year of sabbatical where I worked as a paediatric gastroenterology consultant at the Royal Children's hospital in Melbourne. While in this role, I had the opportunity to lead a national, multicentre research project as the CPI, which gave me valuable experience in collaborative research.

While in the UK, I was fortunate to be the elected representative to the RCPCH trainees committee representing the KSS Deanery, regularly participating in the RCPCH national trainees committee meetings. I also undertook a postgraduate certificate course in medical education at the University of Dundee in order to enhance my teaching and training skills in medicine.

I am currently working as a specialist at a Perth metropolitan hospital with paediatric and neonatal services, where I am also the Director of Clinical Training (DCT Paediatrics) and Audit Lead. I am active in my role as senior clinical lecturer with Curtin University Medical School, and regularly deliver lectures and bedside clinical teaching for medical students.

I am also the Director of the "Kidgut" clinic at the Hollywood Medical Centre, offering private paediatric gastroenterology services including endoscopy in children of all ages.

I believe all the above roles have given me the necessary skills and experience to contribute meaningfully to the college body in various capacities, should I have the opportunity.



Dr Andrew SAVERY

Introductory Statement

I have a diverse experience of Paediatrics, having worked in both private and government practice. I can appreciate the complexities of practice in both settings and have an appreciation for the needs of these sectors and the support that the College can offer. In particular, through my work with WACHS, I have an understanding of the particular issues affecting Physicians and Paediatricians in remote and rural areas, and the extra supports needed to support them and to support training in these environments. In particular, I have an understanding of the benefits of rural training, having both trained in a remote area, and also having worked and supervised in them.

I am aware of the challenges of waitlists, especially for behavioural and developmental patients, and the impact that this has on families, and am able to use these skills to guide College positions and input into solutions.

Skills and Experience and Background

I have been a General Paediatrician since 2002 and have worked in both private, and government practice. I am a member of the Chapter of Community Child Health and have particular interests in Developmental Paediatrics, Aboriginal Health and Remote area Paediatrics.

I have been a member of the WA committee of the RACP since 2024. I have also been involved in actively supervising Advanced Trainees since 2018. I am involved in the development of more formalised training programmes and pathways for Paediatric Trainees in rural and remote WA.

I have been the Clinical Director for WACHS Paediatrics since 2022. This position provides strategic leadership for Paediatrics. I have been, and continue to be involved in the development and implementation of guidelines affecting regional, rural and remote children. I have been, and will continue to be, actively involved in the response to the recent inquiries into developmental paediatrics.

I have been a Committee member on the WA Committee. This has allowed me to discover more about the governance structure of the College, both locally and at a national level.

As a Paediatrician in a remote area, with a high percentage of Aboriginal people, I have developed an understanding of the particular effects of colonisation on Aboriginal people, and the effects of this on health. I am also aware of the added effects of remoteness. I continue to be open to learning more from indigenous peoples about their concepts of health care and how these can be worked into more traditional Western healthcare models.

I have been involved in the accreditation of Broome with the RACP, for Advanced Training. I am also involved in both local health management, as HOD for Kimberley Paediatrics and at a higher level as part of my role as the Clinical Director of Paediatrics for WACHS.



Dr Timothy LOY

Introductory Statement

I pride myself in my collaborative nature and passionate advocacy for vulnerable trainees and creating a fair landscape for all. The recent changes to the RACP curriculum will no doubt be a challenging transition period which I want to help in facilitating smoothly for the trainees and assessors. I am also passionate about changing the landscape for prospective and current trainees to provide a balanced workplace environment in light of calls to change in our workplaces on a national level: hours, pay and dedicated teaching time.

I have extensive experience with changing landscapes in leadership and policy whilst working as the Med Ed Registrar at RPH PGME's transition of 4 different DPEs, moving to the 2024/2025 PMCWA 2-year internship program and supporting the BPTs through their DCE preparations.

Skills and Experience and Background

1. I am a final year general medicine advanced trainee completing my BPT in 2022 at SCGH. Since then, i have worked at all three tertiary hospitals in WA in various roles, most recently as the senior med ed registrar at RPH.
2. Education and Training experience:
 - Senior med ed registrar at RPH:
 1. DCE preparation program. Inaugural DCE lecture series launch in 2024 to cover long and short case content with excellent feedback
 2. Inaugural DWE workshop program launch in 2024: weekly 3-hour long, consultant-led interactive series targeted towards DWE preparation. Excellent feedback from trainees acknowledging the large time commitment from consultants and DWE appropriate content.
 4. Support of all RPH BPTs in all aspects - particularly personal crisis management and assessment review panels.
 - Policy and advocacy experience:
 1. RPH executive committee in 2024, SCGH executive committee 2019: hospital-wide issues and discussions.
 2. COVID-19 vaccination clinic - inaugural clinic registrar 2022 with liaison with office of the Cheif Health Officer to improve vaccination outcomes and review.
 - Fellowship matters:
 1. Advocacy for BPTs at RPH in 2024 with social, academic and peer support with glowing feedback from trainees at all levels.
3. Leadership contributions
 - Medical Education Registrar and Local exam organiser RPH 2024.
 - Medical Education Registrar Network group (PMCWA) co-chair 2024
 - SCGH RMO society president 2018
4. Core college activities
 - Governance - experience in hospital accreditation and implementation of new PGY 1-2 curriculum at RPH
 - Financial - experience in budgeting at various NFP organisations: RMOsociety, Kingsway Church, Cafe volunteer.
5. Skills and experience
 - Stragetetic communication experience in team management and public representation: RMOsociety president and medical education registrar
 - PMCWA accreditation - current trainee accreditor
 - AMC work-based assessment assessor 2025



Dr Holly HESTER

Introductory Statement

I hope to contribute to this role from my clinical experience in health promotion, chronic illness, and patient engagement. My academic interest include training delivery, education, and professional fulfilment, alongside leadership training. I have a breadth of experience in management positions, working with varying levels of stakeholders including the hospital board, executive, national training bodies and the AMA. On a personal level I am passionate about advocacy and continued contribution to the WA community. I completed most of my training in the UK and did the overseas training pathway (OTP) for FRACP, this experience alongside UK healthcare structure, policies and priorities offers some unique insight into this role. I am passionate about reducing health inequalities, improving 'lifespan', sustainability of healthcare delivery, staffing wellbeing (with focus on burnout) and the role of leaders in addressing this, as well as patient engagement in chronic illness.

Skills and Experience and Background

1. Graduated in the UK in 2013 and undertook two foundation years before commencing paediatric training in London. Between 2018-2020 I worked in Perth, WA as a paediatric registrar and as a paediatric endocrinology fellow. I returned to the UK 2020 to join subspecialty training in paediatric endocrinology, gaining MRCPCH in general paediatrics and paediatric endocrinology in 2022. I returned to Perth, WA and worked as the Chief Registrar at PCH before taking up consultant paediatric endocrinology post in August 2023. I completed the OTP training pathway and gained FRACP by the beginning of 2023.
2. I am a BT educational supervisor, a facilitator for Taking Paediatrics Abroad, supporting lower resource settings with case management and organise weekly JMO micro-teaching and set up teaching feedback for endocrinology fellows to enhance their CPD. During my role as Chief Registrar, local initiatives included changing the process of overtime claiming to anonymise the process and following the development of an extensive local exam preparation program we achieved the highest national pass rate for RACP DCE at 89.3% (cf. 81.1%). I have been an abstract reviewer for international conferences and been a BMJ Case Reports reviewer. I have been active in research throughout my career. I am the process of setting up a consumer representative group within endocrinology.
3.
 - Judge for WA paediatric Trainee Research Awards 2024
 - Peer Reviewer for RCPCH looking at national diabetes care
 - Trainee representative for RCPCH Shape of Training
4. Experience running and as treasurer for special interest groups. Currently involved in the governance of service development in a sensitive clinical area.
5. I have led and designed large scale regional and national teaching programs; virtual platform use, organisation of CPD tracking with certificates, curriculum mapping, registration organisation, an advertising plan with branding, chairing the events and innovating content.