Canberra surgeons explore research and audit to improve practice

Saturday 5 November, 2016

Using audits and evidence to improve surgical practice is the theme of this year’s Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) ACT Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held at the ANU Medical School in The Canberra Hospital on Saturday 5 November.

The meeting’s Scientific Convener Dr Usama Majeed, a consultant general, breast and endocrine surgeon, said that in the past, medical interventions were limited, more straightforward and less costly to the taxpayer.

“The big question to answer is how can today’s surgeon keep pace with the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care for their patients?” Dr Majeed said.

“This gathering of Canberra’s surgical minds will also bring together a range of healthcare experts to explore how research and audit can be used to improve practice, and to provide an update on the latest innovations in surgical techniques.”

RACS past president Prof. David Watters, OBE, will be speaking about the role of audit in improving practice, and the work RACS has been doing on clinical variation to enable surgeons to gain a better understanding of how their practice compares with that of their colleagues.

Other guest presenters include Prof. Cliff Hughes, President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care, Adjunct Prof. John Skerritt of the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Dr Chris Dalton, National Medical Director, Bupa, Prof. Andrew Spillane, Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Sydney, and Dr Nicole Gorddard, medical oncologist at ACT Health.

Each will provide an update on the latest innovations in surgical techniques and explore how today’s surgeon can stay up to date with the best available evidence.

Hosted by the ACT branch of RACS, this event will attract medical professionals eager to gain an insight into modern medical interventions, and an international perspective on how research and audit can be used to improve practice.

Download the official program

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