Surgeons meet in Wellington to discuss the future of surgery

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Leading surgeons and health professionals from across the country will be in Wellington this week to attend the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons’ (RACS) New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting.

Every year this important meeting brings together some of the country’s best medical minds to discuss issues vital to the on-going provision of high quality surgical care in New Zealand.

Running from 17-18 August, Surgery 2017: Future Proofing Surgical Practice will explore the challenges facing the profession in the years to come.

An international multi-disciplined line-up of speakers will be covering issues such as the future of surgery in New Zealand and worldwide, burnout and resilience, unconscious bias, and the effect of climate change on health.

Among invited speakers this year is Professor Taylor Riall, the Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of General Surgery and Surgical Oncology at the University of Arizona’s College of Medicine.

Professor Riall has co-authored more than 120 peer-reviewed publications and is internationally known for her work on comparative effectiveness and patient-centred cancer and general surgery outcomes.

Over the course of the two days delegates will also discuss:

- The influence of culture and behaviour on clinical care across the health sector;
- Ethics and fees;
- Why climate change is a health issue;
- Factors that influence the recruitment and retention of Māori into science and medical school.

Surgery 2017 is being held at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington and will run from Thursday 17 August to Friday 18 August.

About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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